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Oktoberfest adds German flavor to SU

By Jonathan Moynihan
Staff Writer

Salisbury University received a shot of German culture this past Wednesday as the thirty-seventh annual Oktoberfest welcomed the fall season and gave students the chance to enjoy all it has to offer, including beer.

"Oktoberfest started as a wedding ceremony for a prince and his princess in Bavaria, Germany, but it turned into a festival of beer, and it's been going on ever since," said German Club advisor Klaudia Thompson. Also head of the German Department, Thompson said, "We here at SU want to celebrate the spirit of the fall, and we're fortunate to have the beer even though we aren't making any money off of it."

One of the most appealing parts of Oktoberfest for students is the famous beer garden positioned in front of Henson. The majority of those attending Oktoberfest were present within the beer garden boundaries and almost all could be seen enjoying an ice cold beverage, but only after being checked for I.D. and paying $2.75 (per bier).

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Brett Morgan photo

SU students Adam Bryant, Randon Ryland, Charles Butcher and Robert Slangen enjoy ice cold biers at Wednesday's Oktoberfest.

A spook-tacular time at the Salisbury zoo

Sarah Wright photo

Thousands of children and parents streamed through the zoo Friday and Saturday night to celebrate Night of the Living Zoo, a Halloween related event that is the Salisbury Zoo's biggest fundraiser. Children learned about snakes, cockroaches, and other creepy crawly creatures. Zoo volunteers were on hand to dole out information and candy. Night of the Living Zoo benefits the conservation and education programs at the Zoo.

Seasoned acrobat puts on "zany" performance

Sarah Jacobs photo

Ben Sota, an artist-in-residence at SU, is the founder and executive director of Pittsburgh's Zany Umbrella Circus.

By Rachel Stone
Staff Writer

Ben Sota, founder and executive director of Pittsburgh's Zany Umbrella Circus, spoke on Commedia dell'Arte this past Friday, October 10, in the Great Hall of Holloway Hall as part of SU's fall Renaissance cultural events series. Sota, an artist-in-residence at Salisbury, has been teaching theater students about classical Italian comedy, specifically Commedia dell'Arte.

Commedia dell'Arte is an unwritten or improvised drama, a sort of slapstick humor. The six classic characters can be compared to Charlie Chaplin and The Three Stooges. This type of entertainment was developed in Italy and was popular during the fourteenth through the eighteenth centuries.

Sota, while entertaining with a few other talents, introduced the audience to the six classical characters of Commedia dell'arte, acting as each of the characters, each with its own story, personality and mask. He also demonstrated some skills that the actors used while playing some of these characters. Actors portraying these characters often juggle, stilt-walk and peform balancing tricks.

Sota knows more than just Classical Italian Comedy-he knows the world of circus.

Sota juggled three balls while

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Mikulski, Kratovil visit SU for education forum

Sarah Lake photo

Senator Barbara Milkulski discussed the importance of the "freedom to achieve," while addressing the issue of federal educational funding.

By Vanessa Junkin
Staff Writer

Senator Barbara Mikulski and Frank Kratovil, candidate for U.S. Congress, both spoke at a forum held in Holloway Hall last Monday.

Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach said that while as the university president, she does not endorse candidates from any political party, SU is "honored when the senator comes to campus."

HyoBin Sung, SU Dems! president, started off the event by introducing the first speaker, Senator Mikulski, to the audience — a group of not only SU students, but also members from the community.

Mikulski voiced her opinion that the public should vote for Barack Obama and Joe Biden in the upcoming presidential election, noting that November's election does not only decide the next four years; it decides the outcome of many years into the future, as well.

Mikulski went on to say that Kratovil would be the best choice for the one to fill the spot in Congress.

She described how she and Senator Ben Cardin needed him as their partner because he could help to deal with issues such as the economy and jobs, the environment, universal healthcare and working to end the war in Iraq.

Mikulski also discussed the importance of the "freedom to achieve," which involves the great potential of American citizens.

The Pell Grants for college tuition have been increased, she said, adding that she advocates for the option to monetarily reward students for going into a career that benefits the public and also is a proponent of work-study.

Despite the success of the existing programs, Mikulski said, "We want to do more."

U.S. First District Congressional candidate Kratovil first introduced a few people in the audience, and then spoke about himself and his background.

Kratovil is a State's Attorney from Queen Anne's County and has been working as a prosecutor since 1995.

He discussed how he is running for office because "nothing really seems to change." He went on to explain that he'd like to be a part of change in the nation to help the citizens of both the present and the

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Sarah Lake photo

Congressional hopeful Frank Kratovil and Senator Milkulski sit down with SU president Dr. Janet for a quick chat before Monday's forum.

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Briefly Stated

Homecoming 2008
The SGA is sponsoring a week-long celebration to get students pumped for Homecoming 2008! On Tuesday, Oct. 14 save your appetite for the Wing Eating Contest in Red Square at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15 wear your school colors and SU gear for the Pep Rally in Maggs Gym at 8:30 p.m. On Thursday, Oct. 16, SOAP presents Amber Madison for her "Hooking Up" lecture in Holloway Hall at 8 p.m. Battle of The Bands rocks the Quad from 4 - 9 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 17. The excitement of the week culminates on Saturday, Oct. 18 at the Block Party in the Intramural Fields, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. in conjunction with the Homecoming football game. For more information call the SGA at (410) 548-4757. Come out and show your school pride!

Blackwell Book Sale
In conjunction with SU's Homecoming, Blackwell Library holds its annual book sale during library hours 9 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, through midnight Sunday, Oct. 19, on the first floor of the library behind the current periodicals. This year's sale features more books than ever. Items include children's literature, academic subjects, cookbooks and novels. Paperbacks are 50 cents and most hardcover books are $1. With every purchase, buyers become eligible to enter a raffle to win a prize.

Costume Sale
Searching for that perfect Halloween costume? Have an interest in vintage or thrift clothing? Find that perfect item at the Theatre Program's Costume Shop 2-4 p.m. Fridays Oct. 17 and 24 in Fulton Hall Room 105. For more information about the sale contact Brandon McWilliams at brmcwilliams@salisbury.edu.

Leadership Series Begins
The Leadership Workshop Series (LSW) kick offs 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, in the Center for Student Achievement, GUC Room 213. There are a variety of leadership development workshops and conferences offered throughout the semester. To complete the challenge, students must attend at least two workshops per semester. To learn more about the Leadership Challenge visit http://www.salisbury.edu/achievement/leadership_challenge.html. Fall Leadership Workshops are scheduled 4 p.m. Oct. 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5 and 12 in the Center for Student Achievement, GUC 213 (attend at least two of the five).

One In Four USA tour stops at SU

By Randon Ryland
Staff Writer

oneinfourusa.org photo
The One in Four Inc. team; (from left to right) Frank Higginbotham, Rob Powell, Chad Merica and Carter Shotwell; traveling via RV, made a stop at SU on Thursday.

Warning: one in four college women have experienced rape or sexual assault, but statistics can change; men can help! One in Four Inc. is a non-profit organization advocating rape prevention. Their National Peer Education Team, on an RV-tour across college campuses throughout America, parked in Red Square on Thursday to deliver this message directly to Salisbury University's male students. Fraternities, athletes, on-campus residents and clubs filled the all-male audience, in GUC's Wicomico Room, to hear the Men's Program, "How to Help a Sexual Assault Survivor: What Men Can Do." The event was hosted by Student Counseling Services, Student Health Services, Residence Life and the Panhellenic Association.

Carter Shotwell, a graduate of neuroscience at the College of William and Mary; Chad Merica, a graduate of psychology at University of Virginia; Frank Higginbotham, a graduate of Exercise Science at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington; and Rob Powell, a graduate of Communication at Berry College; alternated in giving their scientifically researched and detailed presentation. The program began by defining both rape and sexual assault. Then a short video describing a male-on-male rape situation was shown to build victim-empathy. Parallels were drawn between the video and experiences a survivor may encounter, following a discussion on ways to help a survivor as well as ways to end rape.

"The statistics and video were eye-openers. It puts guys in a position where they realize how it must feel," said Tim Hackman, right tackle of SU's football team.

"It puts guys a step ahead if they ever encounter this situation," added Josh Berman, left tackle.

What can men do?

Communicating during supposed sexual encounters; helping change social norms (like kidding about rape or attitudes hurtful to women) and showing empathy if and when you encounter a rape victim, are good ways to join the cause.

"An internalization of rape is wrong," Powell said.

"We fear victims having to live with rape alone for the rest of their lives," added Shotwell.

"Ordinary guys can change this. You just have to make a commitment to do so," ended Merica.

For more information on what you can do please visit: www.oneinfourusa.org

Gulls Just Wanna Have Fun!
Homecoming 2008 begins this week!

Flyer Staff Report

Whether they travel across the bridge, down Rt. 13 or walk a few streets over, Salisbury alumni will soon head to the intramural fields, as they do every mid-October, for Homecoming. The Homecoming football game draws current students, alum and community members out to Sea Gull Stadium to cheer, mingle and perhaps have a few cold ones in the beer garden before the block party. The bustling excitement emanating from Salisbury University campus will be palpable this upcoming weekend, Oct. 16 – 19.

"We expect over 4,000 alumni and friends to return," said Jason Curtin, Director of Alumni Relations on Annual Giving. Curtin, an alumnus, will be celebrating his 10-year reunion as a graduate of SSU class of 1998. Classes whose graduating years ended in a three or an eight will be celebrating special reunions this year.

Homecoming is unique in its ability to connect current students and former students, who can all share one thing in common - their school pride. Student organizations and other affinity groups are encouraged to hold their own reunions to network and gain support for their respective organizations. "It's a great way to connect. This year we are having a New Student Experience Outdoor reunion for alumni and students of the Alquonqin, Acadia, Nantahala, Alaska and West Virginia trips to get together. Some fraternities and sororities will be holding informal reunions and some academic departments hold open houses with current students on hand," Curtin said. "It's not only a great way to meet former members, but a great way to get alumni engaged so that they can hopefully support the clubs in the future."

Alumni and their families can spend Friday, Oct. 17 on the green. The Varsity Club-sponsored golf tournament starts at 10 a.m. at Nutters Crossing Golf Course and powderpuff football begins at 3:30 p.m. on Holloway Hall lawn. After a day on the green, alum can head to the Quad for the Battle of the Bands, 4 - 9 p.m.

"We have so many fun events planned," said Pat Gotham, SGA's VP of External Affairs. The SGA is holding events all week long, including a game show, wing-eating contest, pep rally, and the block party on Saturday. "This Homecoming is going to be amazing," Gotham said.

In addition to tours of the new TETC building, alumni can share in something else new to SU, the return of ROTC. "The reunion picnic is a way for alumni of the ROTC program to reconnect with the current students enrolled in the program," Curtin said. The weekend concludes with the ROTC picnic on Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Alumni House.

With all the events planned, this year's Homecoming is sure to get students excited. "School spirit is going to run rampant through campus!" Gotham said.

Unicyclist rolls through Century

Chris Demone photo
During last week's Sea Gull Century, Claude Magnuson of Germantown, MD completed the 100-mile trek on a unicycle. His actual time spent on the unicycle (accounting for rest stops) was seven and a half hours. "The man was mobbed like a rockstar at the finish line," said Event Services Coordinator Chris Demone. "I think I saw him signing a few autographs."

Crime beat

09/30/08
5:25-7:03 p.m.
Tampering with Motor Vehicle
A student reported that she inadvertently took another student's parking space in the Caruthers parking lot. When she returned to her vehicle after class, she discovered that yogurt had been thrown on the windshield and an offensive note was left behind.

10/02/08
2:04 a.m.
Alcohol-Related Injury
A student reported that his friend, who was intoxicated, had fallen down a stairwell in Wicomico Hall. A University Police officer transported the student to the hospital for treatment.

10/02/08
8 a.m.-12:25 p.m.
Hit and Run Collision
A student reported that his vehicle was parked in Lot C on 10/2/08 between 8:00 AM & 12:25 PM. During that time, another vehicle collided with the complainant's vehicle, causing damage. The operator of the second vehicle failed to report the collision or leave any contact information on the complainant's vehicle.

10/01/08
2:45 p.m.
Suspicious Persons
A resident of Choptank Hall reported that two suspicious men came to her residence hall room claiming to be selling magazines. The men's behavior made the student feel uncomfortable. Through investigating this report, the University Police discovered that a group of men had recently been soliciting magazine subscriptions in several residence halls. The University Police and the Office of Housing and Residence Life are working together to address this matter.

10/03/08
2-4 p.m.
Theft
A student reported that his iPod was stolen from the GUC fireside lounge. The student had left the iPod unattended.

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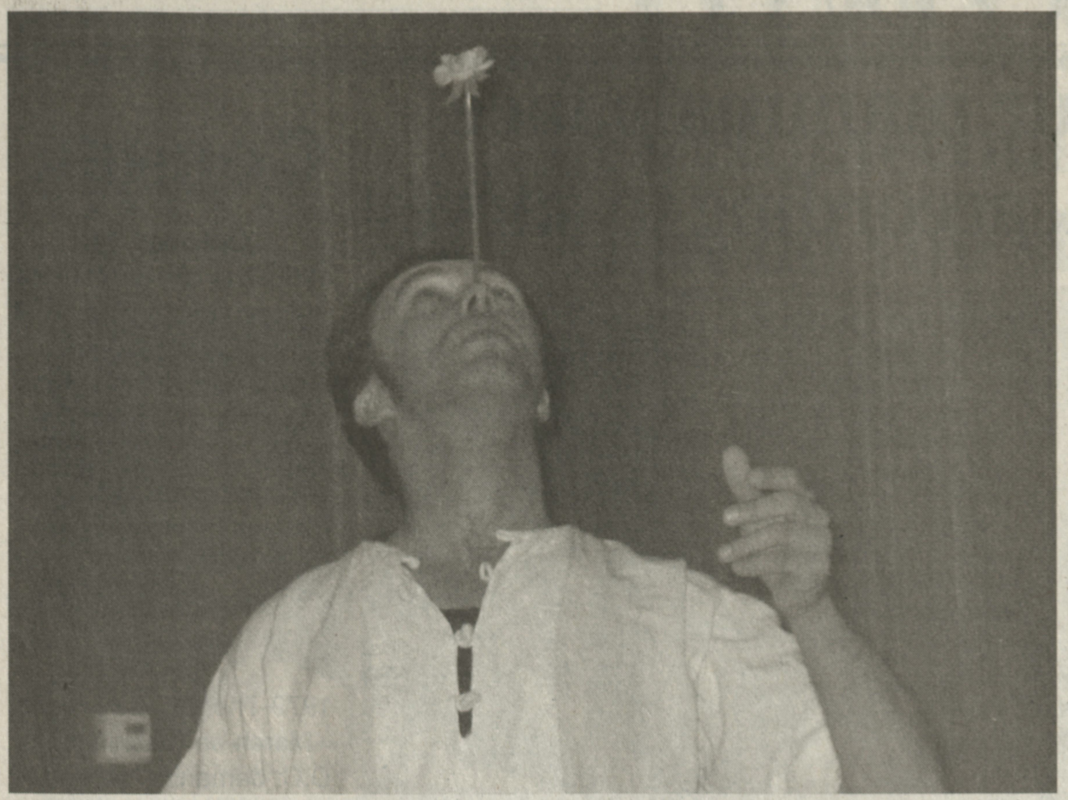

Sarah Jacobs photo
Sota balances a plastic flower on his nose during Friday night's performance. Although Sota did not attend college, he has a lot of gymanastics experience and physical theater training. He studied circus arts at the San Fransisco Circus Center.

balancing on top of a large ball and balanced a plastic flower and a chair on his nose. Students, faculty and community members alike were stunned by Sota's talent.

A generational talent, Sota's grandfather was involved in the circus and passed down the interest to him. Sota has been involved with the circus for more than sixteen years.

"I worked for the circus every summer. The best part about it is that when you go to see a show, you don't know what to expect…you are always in a different place, and every day is different from the last," he said.

Although Sota did not attend college for his talent, he has received a lot of training.

"It's not always something that is passed down from person to person; most people go to school for it," he said.

Sota has had a lot of gymnastics experience along with his physical theater training. He has studied circus arts at the San Fransisco Circus Center, Trapeze Arts and Acro Sports.

Producing more than 30 shows, he has performed at venues including the White House and the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Recently he has traveled to New Orleans, Jordan and Afghanistan to perform and teach.

Just as Sota's talent and love was passed down to him, he is now passing it down to yet another generation-students at Salisbury.

Theater students attended the lecture after learning various skills throughout the week from Sota himself. Jen Manning, a freshman, was one of the students present. "It was really fun to work with him," she said. "As a class we learned how to spin plates and how to do Chinese yoga. We are going to be using what we learned in an upcoming performance," she said.

Out of the Suggestion Box

This column is based on the comments and concerns of students, faculty, and staff via the suggestion boxes online at www.salisbury.edu/suggestionbox. The President's Office seeks responses to the issues raised from appropriate campus personnel. Not everything can be fixed, but a reasoned explanation can be offered. Keep those suggestions coming!

From the Suggestion Box

"It is very inconvenient to have so many classes meeting in computer labs. Imagine walking across campus to print something only to find that you have to go elsewhere because there is a class using the lab. I thought this huge new building, TETC, would solve the problem. I pay my fees; I should expect some reasonably convenient access to University computer labs."

Jerome Waldron, Chief Information Officer, University Technology Services, responded:

"We have 14 computer labs on campus now and almost all are used for classes at one time or another. It can be hard to find an opening to print, unless you are in Fulton Hall, UC, or TETC. In Fulton Hall room 142 is an open lab. There is one open lab on the first floor of the TETC and there is also an open lab next to the Career Center in the UC. We are starting to add print kiosks for those times when labs are closed. We have one in Fulton Hall now and will soon be adding them in Henson and Devilbiss Halls. You can also print in Blackwell Library. "

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While the beer garden was easily the most popular aspect of Oktoberfest, there were plenty of opportunities for those not quite old enough to fully enjoy the seasonal celebration of "bier." The German Club hosted a cake eating contest, German style cuisine, music and an interesting display of medieval knights who were possibly battling over who would finish the last pint.

SU clubs also lined the path in front of Henson as a way to raise money and promote their organizations. Countless other mini-vendors were placed around the Oktoberfest activities including a "free mugs" stand where members of the glass blowing class gave out goblets of glass free of charge.

There was even a student dressed in traditional Deutschland attire known as a "lederhosen." Sean Stone, President of the German Club, was not ashamed to be wearing his seasonal garb as he said, "Hey, it's Oktoberfest. We're just here to have fun and introduce German culture."

In addition to the Oktoberfest celebration on the Henson lawn, the German Club also hosted the Philadelphia German Brass Band as they played Wednesday night as part of SU's International Festival of Foods Series.

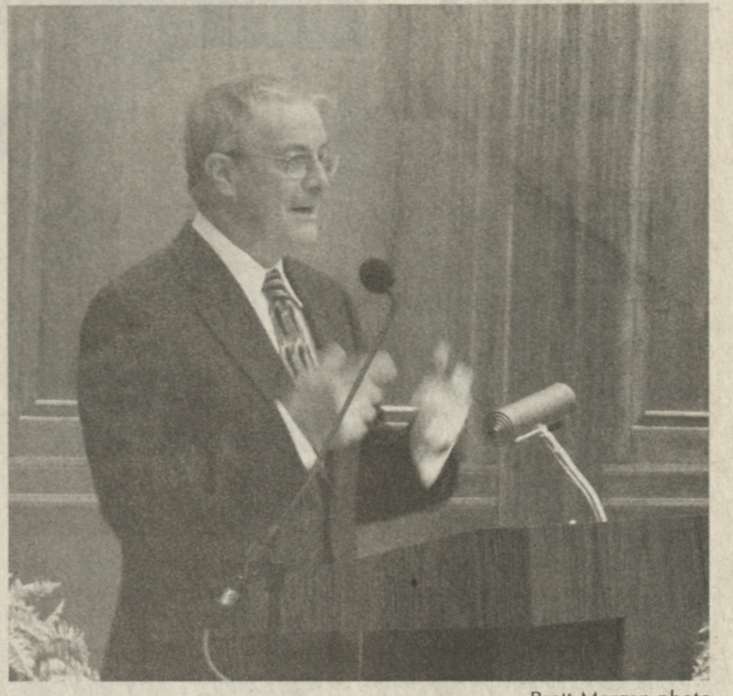
SU Freshman Taylor Estes said, "I wish Oktoberfest was free," in reference to the fact that cotton candy cost 50 cents, "but I liked the music." So did many other students across campus, as a quick look into the quad showed several freshmen bouncing almost subconsciously to the German beat that echoed throughout the area.

The style and flavor of Oktoberfest may have only lasted a few hours last Wednesday, but the spirit of the season continues as more and more people get ready to enjoy the wonders of the fall.

Heather Herb photo
Cake eating contest winner Timothy Lum devours his chocolate cake at Wednesday's festival. Contestants were given five minutes to eat as much cake as they could.

Italian Renaissance specialist kicks off faculty lecture series

By Michelle Hinkle
Staff Writer



Brett Morgan photo
Dr. Timothy Miller of the History Department opened the faculty lecture series Thursday night with a discussion of the Italian Renaissance.

Was there really a European Renaissance? Dr. Timothy Miller of the history department opened the faculty lecture series Thursday night in Holloway's Great Hall with a discussion of the Italian Renaissance. Miller is one of five faculty members giving lectures in upcoming weeks about how the Renaissance changed the world in the fifteenth century.

"The traditional way of studying the ancient world leaves the Renaissance out," Miller said. Miller's field of study was the Byzantine Empire, but he has become Salisbury University's own Italian Renaissance specialist. This semester has been dedicated to the study of the European Renaissance.

Miller's lecture explained to students and guests that the Renaissance is difficult to study because it occurred in different places at different times. The common misconception is that the Renaissance is an event that began everywhere simultaneously. The Renaissance began in Italy and then branched out to the Netherlands, France and England. According to Miller, the Renaissance began in Italy in 1350. Miller said "renaissance" is a vague term. The Renaissance was a time when people were motivated to find China in the east, discover Christian lands to make alliances with, and attack Islam with the intent to convert them to believers. There was a powerful faith that if these goals were reached, Christ would return and 1,000 years of peace would ensue. Miller explained the role that Christopher Columbus, the church and printing documents played through this timeframe.

The "Rebirth" time period will be explored on select Thursdays throughout the semester with other professors. Music Department Chair Dr. Linda Cockey will explore common themes in historical and modern music October 16 with "Pop Tunes of the Renaissance: What Would Madonna, Shakira or Elvis Sing?" On October 23, Robert Smith of the Theatre and Dance Department will make connections between Italian comedy and popular television shows in a lecture called "Classic Commedia Characters: Standards of Improvisation." Dr. Keith Brower of the Modern Languages Department explores a true Renaissance man on October 30 with "Don Quixote." The Art Department's Ursula Erhart will lecture November 13 on "Art, Artists and Patrons in the Renaissance."

Brett Morgan photo
Miller's talk cleared up the misconception that the Renaissance is an event that began everywhere simultaneously. In actuality, it began in Italy.

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future.

Some issues he'd like to see changes made in included the nation's economy, energy, tax policies, illegal immigrants and the war in Iraq.

Like Mikulski, Kratovil also discussed educational issues, like the increase of Pell Grants, along with his support of the idea of offering rewards for those who go into career fields that serve the community.

He later discussed how it was necessary to make sure that the money for educational loans would be available, because of the current problems with the economy.

While Kratovil is a Democrat, he noted that his ideas can also be well-received by Republicans and Independents. In an interview after the froum, he said that as a congressman, he would have "the ability to work with anyone."

He added that his job as a prosecutor gave him the "ability to see both sides of issues."

The most important issue for the upcoming election, he said, is the economy, which brings about the concern regarding the rising costs of necessary items.

Kratovil had noted during the beginning of his speech that he likes seeing young people becoming involved in politics.

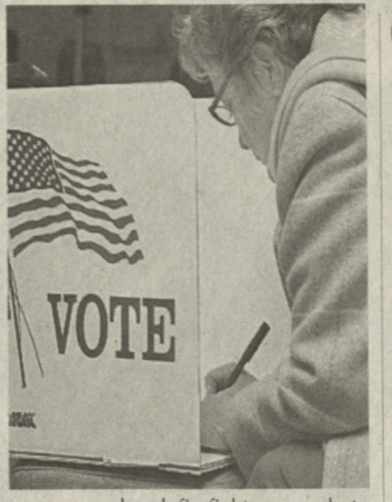
After he spoke, he had some additional advice for students interested in the field: "Get involved now. Don't listen to folks that tell you you're too young."

He added, "The greatest changes in the world have come from young people."

Sarah Lake photo
Kratovil, a state's attorney, pleads his case to a room full of democratic supporters. As congressman, he said, he would have the ability to work with anyone.

GLOBAL

Early voting may push through in MD



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By Kelley Matney
Staff Writer

In three weeks, registered voters all over Maryland will gather at the polls to place their vote for the next president of the United States. But, what if polling places weren't open for only one day; what if you could vote up to 10 days before Election Day? Well, also on the ballot next month will be a statewide referendum that could do just that.

The constitutional amendment would make it so that three designated polling places would be open 10 days early in each county, allowing voters to vote in or outside their registered district before the actual Election Day.

The argument over this referendum has become a highly partisan issue, with Democrats supporting it, saying it would decrease long lines on Election Day and increase overall voter turnout; and Republicans against it, citing fraud and high cost.

"As for concerns about voter fraud, I think early voting could actually alleviate those fears. All the boards of election in Maryland are connected by a computerized data base. This makes it easy to change a voter's registration from one county to another...the election officials drop the old registration and add the new one right away. This same process should also prevent any attempts at double voting. The Board of Elections also has in place a good system of checks to prevent various forms of fraud," said Dr. Creston Long, history professor and Co-Director of the Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement (PACE).

The constitutional amendment would make it so that three designated polling places would be open 10 days early in each county, allowing voters to vote in or outside their registered district before the actual Election Day.

Maryland wouldn't be the first state to institute early voting. Almost 30 states allow in-person, no excuse, early voting, including California, Florida, Arizona and Illinois.

"Personally, I'd hate to see the voting process be spread out too much because I think it would take away from the sense of purpose on Election Day itself. At the same time, for many voters it would probably be very convenient to cast a ballot early," Long said.

Some voters that might find it more convenient to vote early are college students. For many students, including those at Salisbury University, it is difficult to find a way to vote with classes and jobs taking up a majority of their time. Also with most students not living in their registered district, having an extra 10 days might make it easier to find a way to get to the polls.

"There is something about the process of going to vote in a public place that actually attracts many voters to the polls," Long said.

One in four mammals face extinction, according to survey

By Laura Dignan
Staff Writer

www.telegraph.co.uk photo

The Iberian lynx, one of the rarest animals in the world, is one of the 188 species of mammals that has been declared critically in danger of extinction.

It was announced last week that one in four of the world's mammals face extinction according to a survey conducted by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN). The five year study, conducted by 1,700 researchers in over 130 countries, surveyed the 5,487 known mammals. It is the most comprehensive assessment so far.

The results were revealed in Barcelona at the World Conservation Congress, a meeting of 8,000 scientists, conservationists, business leaders and representatives from governmental environmental ministries. The survey is part of a large update to the Red List, a list of all threatened species.

Marine mammals have the worst statistics with more than one in three facing extinction. Many of these mammals are killed when hit by a ship or get caught in fishing gear. The Yangtze River dolphin, for example, is one of 29 species declared "probably extinct."

"Within our lifetime hundreds of species could be lost as a result of our own actions, a frightening sign of what is happening to the ecosystems where they live," said Julia Marton-Lefèvre, the director-general of the IUCN. "We must now set clear targets for the future to reverse this trend to ensure that our enduring legacy is not to wipe out many of our closest relatives."

One hundred and eighty eight species of mammals have already been declared as critically endangered, the highest ranking before extinction. One of these mammals is the Iberian Lynx, one of the rarest animals in the world.

The Tasmanian devil, only found in Australia, is one of 450 species described as endangered. It is suffering an infectious facial cancer epidemic and its population has fallen 64 percent in 11 years.

"About one-half of the world's remaining apes, monkeys and other primates face threats from hunting or destruction of forests to make way for farming," said Russell A. Mittermeier, president of Conservation International. "Chimp and gorilla meat fetches a higher price in many markets in Central African cities than beef or chicken because it's considered a luxury item. We are losing many of these animals that otherwise could survive because they cling to relatively good habitat."

Five percent of mammals were found to be stable or have an expanding population despite the bad statistics. One of these species includes the black-footed ferret which was almost on the verge of extinction until conservationists stepped in. Another stable species is the African elephant which has been downgraded from "vulnerable to extinction" to "near-threatened".

Including all 44,838 animal and plant species assessed worldwide, 16,928 are under threat, up 622 species than last year. One in eight birds, one in three amphibians and 70 percent of plants are threatened.

The Red List, once a book, is now published online due to the long list of endangered species. It can be found at www.iucn.org/redlist.

History Corner

October 14
1966-The city of Montreal inaugurates the Montreal Metro.
1968-Jim Hines of the USA becomes the first man ever to break the ten second barrier in the 100 meter Olympic final at Mexico City with a time of 9.95 sec. He would be the only man to do so until 1983.
1979-The first Gay Rights March on Washington, D.C. demands "an end to all social, economic, judicial, and legal oppression of lesbian and gay people," draws 200,000 citizens.

October 15
1951-Television sitcom I Love Lucy premieres.
1981-Professional cheerleader Krazy George Henderson leads what is thought to be the first audience wave in Oakland, California.
1987-The Great Storm of 1987 hits France and England.

October 16
1793-Marie Antoinette, wife of Louis XVI, is guillotined at the height of the French Revolution.
1978-Pope John Paul II is elected in Rome.
1995-The Million Man March occurs in Washington, DC.

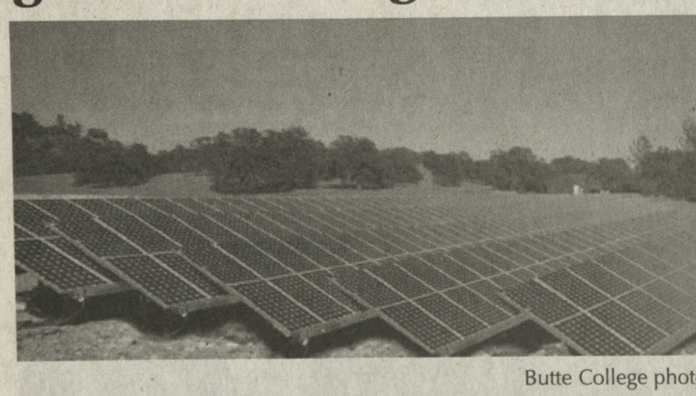
October 17
1933-Albert Einstein, fleeing Nazi Germany, moves to the US.
1941-For the first time in World War II, a German submarine attacks an American ship.
1979-Mother Teresa awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

October 18
1954-Texas Instruments announces the first Transistor radio.
1968-The U.S. Olympic Committee suspends two black athletes for giving a "black power" salute during a victory ceremony at the Mexico City games.
19991-Azerbaijan declares independence from USSR.

October 19
1917-Love Field in Dallas, Texas is opened.
1943-Streptomycin, the first antibiotic remedy for tuberculosis.
1973-President Richard Nixon rejects an Appeals Court demand to turn over the Watergate tapes.

October 20
1971-The Nepal stock exchange collapses.
1973-The Sydney Opera House opens.
1979-The John F. Kennedy Library is opened in Boston, Massachusetts.

Chill Out campaign seeks SU students to partake in global warming initiative



Butte College photo

Butte College, a two-year institution located in a Northern CA nature reserve, won this year's challenge. Shown above is the solar array that provides about a third of the energy used by the college.

By Sarah Duffy
Staff Writer

The National Wildlife Federation's "Chill Out: Campus Solutions to Global Warming" is asking Salisbury University, along with other college campuses, to help find solutions to the growing problem of global warming. Campuses across the country are taking steps to solve the issue, and "Chill Out" hopes SU students will join the cause.

Global Warming is the single largest threat to wildlife today. Scientists say to avoid the worst impacts pollution must be reduced by 80 percent before the year 2050. If a two percent decrease occurs every year for the next 40 years, the 80 percent reduction is very possible. Through energy efficiency, renewable energy, habitat restoration, and awareness projects, campuses can begin leading the way to a healthier environment.

The winners of the first "Chill Out" challenge were broadcasted online on April 16, 2008. The broadcast featured positive, practical solutions to global warming and how they are implemented by college students, faculty, and staff. Former Vice President Al Gore supports "Chill Out" and acknowledged the winners and participants in the 2008 competition.

Salisbury University has begun to take steps towards climate neutrality, no net greenhouse gas emissions. Last semester President Janet Dudley-Eshbach signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, joining 400 other colleges and universities in the fight against global warming. SU also plans to establish a policy requiring all new campus construction projects meet the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver standard, starting with the new home for the Perdue School of Business.

SU has already set in motion the fight against global warming. If students, faculty, and staff get involved and create new solutions, they may have a chance to win the "Chill Out" competition. Winners receive grants from the foundation and have a chance to be featured on the "Chill Out" broadcast. Colleges can also apply to host the free program on their campus. The competition deadline is Nov. 30.

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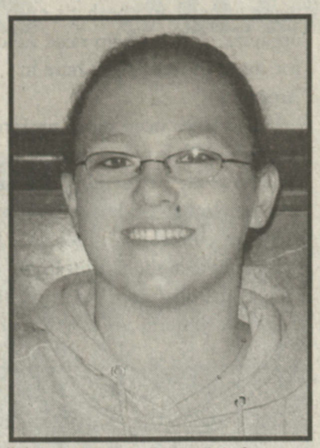
EDITORIAL

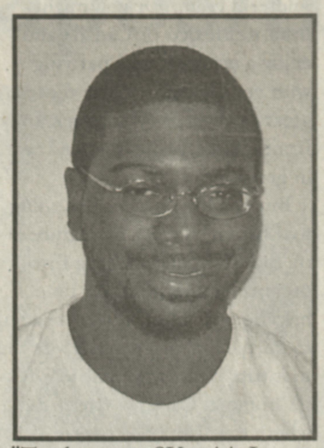
Overheard: It's Homecoming! How do you show YOUR SU spirit?

Photos and article by: Telecia Taylor

"I wear SU colors and participate in school spirit activities."
Briona Allen - sophomore



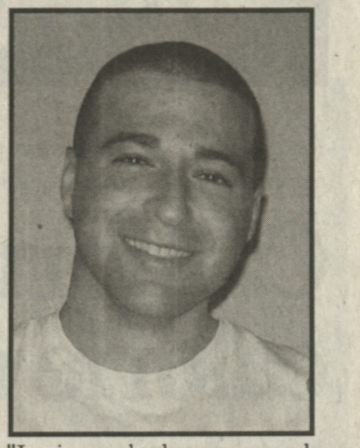
"I'll show my SU spirit by attending spirit days and wearing my SU gear."
Brittany Connor - sophomore



"To show my SU spirit I wear my SU sweatshirt and sweatpants."
Fred Hobbs - junior

"I show my spirit by going to as many athletic events as I can make it to and cheering for SU!"
Liz Tollett - sophomore

"I rep my spirit by capturing the opposing team's mascot and holding him for ransom. Yeah Salisbury!"
Michele Bowne - freshman



"I paint my body maroon and gold and streak through the pavilion. GO GULLS!"
Nick Schratwieser - senior

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The bailout: A poor investment

By Zachary Caceres
Staff Writer

As the American stock market plummets to record lows and world leaders gather to discuss an impending global crisis, one can't help but wonder what taxpayers received for their $700 billion. We certainly have yet to see restored the "liquidity and stability to the financial system of the United States" promised by Washington's finest on Page 3 of the economic bailout. Yet the second bailout bill was over 450 pages, far-surpassing the initial 100 proposed. Let's take a look at our investment.

Corporations in American Samoa received $33 million in tax breaks. Rum producers in the Caribbean received $192 million. Auto-racing tracks received $128 million. $273 million went to pay litigants in the 1989 Exxon Valdez accident. $6 million went to toy wooden arrow manufacturers. My favorite provision is money set aside for 'wool research.' One talk show host hypothesized the government might finally discover why sweaters are so itchy (but I'm not holding my breath).

Congress seems set on ignoring overseas food riots, domestic price increases and the failure of biofuels as a viable oil alternative because the bill also allows for a 50 percent tax write off on start-up costs of new biofuel businesses. Tax credits for gallons of biofuel are upped from 50 cents to $1. On Page 180 of the bill, a section seemingly sets more groundwork for a carbon tax or cap-and-trade system. Section 117 sets aside over $1 million for the National Academy of Sciences to undertake a "carbon audit of the tax code."

Whatever your opinion on global warming, NASCAR, or children's archery, what do these case studies in pork-barrel spending have to do with stabilizing our economy? Why are we – the average Americans – not receiving these tax credits? After all, it is we that fund these pet projects. It is we that are constantly fleeced to subsidize industries that can not survive on profits alone. It is we that finance these experiments in protectionism. It is we that have been consistently ignored by our politicians.

As the first bill was voted down amidst reports of a widespread public outcry, I must wonder in hindsight if we would have been better off letting it pass. Pouring $700 billion dollars into a failing policy is no utopian rewrite of history; but it certainly offers a brighter future than wasting $700 billion *and* assuming the burden of more wasteful programs. Even worse, the first bill was a cruel tease – it led us to believe that we could still control our politicians. As the second bill passed – despite an outcry equal to the first – we are quickly reminded that our elected officials care far more for their power-lusting pursuits than the best interest of their constituents: you and I.

Best week ever?!?!? Maybe not.

By Derek Pettinelli
Staff Writer

When life gives you lemons, make lemonade. When the taxpayers give you billions of dollars for a bailout, go on vacation...? That's just what the AIG executives did after receiving money from the well-publicized bailout. A $440,000 corporate retreat at the St. Regis Monarch Beach resort in Dana Point, California is what sounded good to executives. The receipt from the eight-day company retreat showed $139,000 was spent on hotel rooms, $147,301 was spent on banquets, $23,380 on spa treatments, $6,939 on golf and $9,980 was spent on room service and food and cocktails. All this comes at a time when the Dow had the largest drop since 1933, helping continue the downward economic spiral.

News like this seems to be undermined by the popular presidential debates, which seem to be dominating the already media-saturated election year. One of the main differences with this debate is that the ratio of which people agreed Obama was the winner had jumped to 54 percent and his likability, compared to McCain's, was more than a 2 -1 ratio of 65 percent to 28 percent according to a CNN/Opinion Research survey. One thing that was able to be agreed upon was that neither candidate seemed to care about Tom Brokaw, who tried, in vain, to moderate the debate at Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee.

Whereas the presidential candidates are still dominating the headlines, Sarah Palin's past has come back to bite her, because a legislative committee has found that she indeed did abuse her authority as the Governor of Alaska. Palin was found to have used questionable ethics in firing the state's public safety commissioner, Walter Monegan, who was fired after being pressured to fire Mike Wooten, a state trooper who was involved in a troubled divorce and custody dispute with Palin's sister.

During all this turmoil, Washington is wisely keeping Bush out of the limelight, while books explaining all the negative aspects of the past few years are becoming best sellers. The highly anticipated movie "W." from Oliver Stone is set for release in a week, which should provide colorful commentary on the life and presidency of George W. Bush. Occasionally, Bush will come out and assure the American people that things are fine, as if any of us really believe that, because even he can't fool himself anymore.

AIG's Retreat bill

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- $23,380 - Spa Treatments!
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~SUDOKU~

The Rules of Sudoku

The classic Sudoku game involves a grid of 81 squares. The grid is divided into nine blocks, each containing nine squares.

The rules of the game are simple: each of the nine blocks has to contain all the numbers 1-9 within its squares. Each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

The difficulty lies in that each vertical nine-square column, or horizontal nine-square line across, within the larger square, must also contain the numbers 1-9, without repetition or omission.

Every puzzle has just one correct solution. Good luck.

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	6	4	3					8
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	8			3	7			5

Difficulty Rating: Medium

Solution to last week's puzzle:

8	9	6	5	3	1	4	2	7
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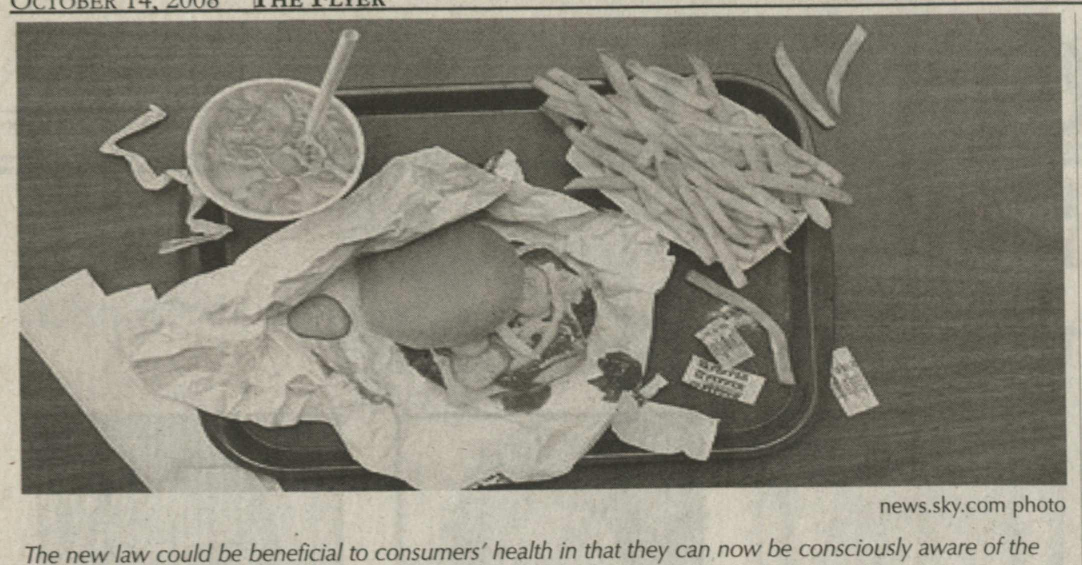

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The new law could be beneficial to consumers' health in that they can now be consciously aware of the number of calories contained within their food. But will the law negatively affect the fast food industry?

California law requires calorie counts on menus

By Eric J. Buratty
Staff Writer

California recently became the first state requiring calorie-counts on fast-food menus. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed the bill to attempt to promote good health. Certainly it is a way of telling the public that they should watch what they eat. Obesity is of great concern – not only in California, but all across America. Helping to inform Californians is a great way to steer society toward making correct food choices. Most nutritional information and calorie-counts for restaurants can be found either on the internet or in books, but California realizes that people often do not have the time to do their own research.

This law has the potential to create both positive and negative effects. Hopefully, the positive will outweigh the negative. Some possible benefits are that people will become more aware of the foods they eat and realize how their choices may lead to excessive weight gain. Restaurants have until 2011 to follow this protocol, another benefit because it encourages restaurants to create healthier options in the interim. This would show an improvement for both the businesses and the consumers as they move toward healthier lifestyles. At the least, if people recognize the quantity of calories they consume, they will be encouraged to exercise to offset some of that caloric intake.

However, people might be pessimistic about the idea, and not take the law seriously. They may ignore the information and proceed to order the same unhealthy foods they always have. Another negative possibility is that fast-food restaurants will lose money and go out of business, impacting state revenue. Fiinally, some customers might think this will ruin their experience of "enjoying" themselves.

Overall it comes down to a simple formula: if you consume more calories than you burn, you gain weight; if you burn more calories than you consume, you lose weight. Promoting more health awareness in California is a great start to a healthier America. "It won't totally stop people from eating fast-food items like they always have, but it will give them a basis of comparison for hopefully selecting more informed, healthier choices," said Kate Cerulli, University Dietician. This is especially true since people are eating out more than in the past, she added.

Living a happy lifestyle certainly starts with living healthfully. This law has the potential to create positive benefits for the people of California. Hopefully, similar laws may be put into effect across the rest of the country.

Alternative spring break anyone?

By Bethany Jeffries
Staff Writer

What will you be doing this year for spring break? Maybe staying home, catching up on those novels, visiting old friends, or just playing with your pet and sleeping for a week after that final midterm cram? Or you might head to Mexico or Canada and enjoy a week of wild partying with your friends. All of these are great options for your week away from classes, professors and work in general!

But would you consider going to a foster home? The members of the Alternative Spring Break organization spend their time helping others, instead of heading to party locales. Last year was the first trip. Students went to a foster home in Cartago, Costa Rica, where they helped organize games, activities and taught basic essential practices such as hygiene. And this year, they're looking to do it again.

Fundraising is needed to help this organization become an actual club, and the members are looking forward to going back to Costa Rica. This is an amazing organization that focuses positively on all that Salisbury University stands for, including helping others internationally, teamwork and living and leading in the way that we are taught. Instead of partying, which is what college breaks are generally synonymous with, these students focus on those who are in need; breaking the college student stereotype and distinctly showing Salisbury's colors to the nation and the world. It's regrettable that this is the only alternative break program for students so far and that there are so few spaces available that only eight students were able to go on the trip last year. Without interest in the program, the club can't expand beyond the few slots available; yet by funding this club and joining, Salisbury can develop a large traveling network to help those in need and perhaps even organize clubs to help raise funds for those in need right here in America!

Universities need more options like this club; it helps students travel outside of the United States and develop an understanding of different cultures and lifestyles. It obviously aids the University's image, and also draws attention to what the students are doing with their free time in a positive manner! Instead of being noticed on MTV's newest shows or driving under the influence, students can be noticed going out into the world to make a constructive difference in areas that need it the most. This club offers students the opportunity to enhance their college years through travel, helping others and gaining valuable experiences that may even help certain majors such as education or foreign languages. It's certainly applicable on a resume for any job. What employer doesn't appreciate the basic requirements of humanity – compassion, interest in your fellow man and the business sense of attracting funding and traveling?

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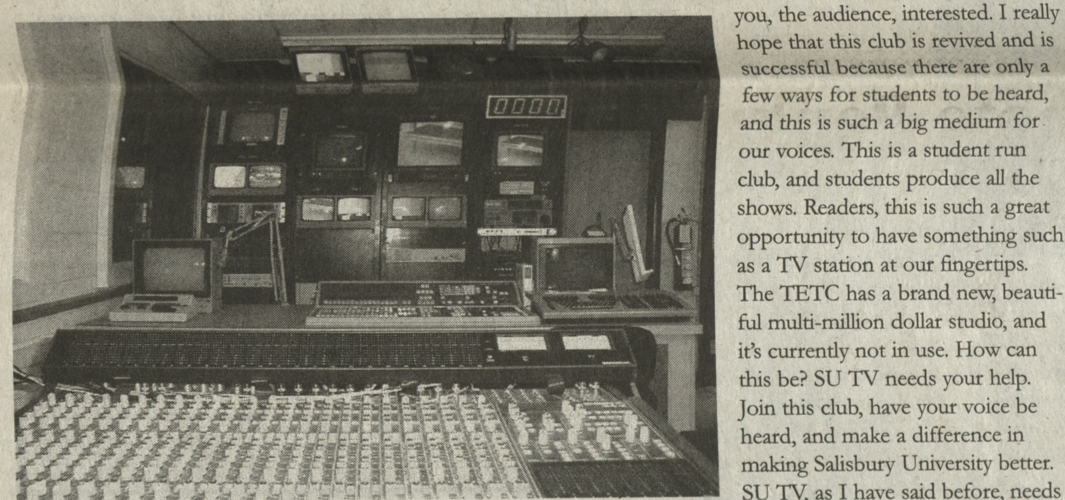
Alternative spring break participants pose outside of the Costa Rica foster home they worked at last year. They hope to return this year.

SU TV seeks members for revival



SU TV Web site photo

Behind the scenes at SU TV: In the foreground is the 24-channel Mackie audio mixer. In the background on the counter is the video switcher. There's also a DVE, CG machine, and on the far wall, monitors and camera controllers.

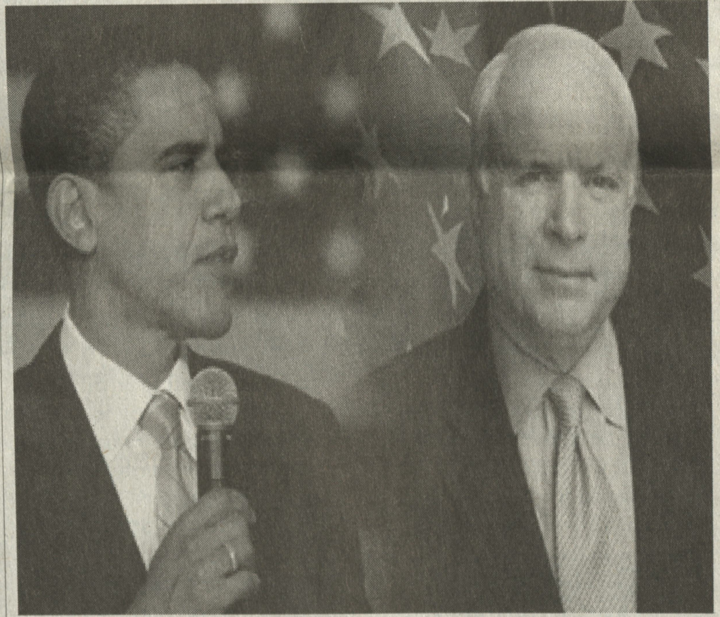
By Morgan Majchrzak
Staff Writer

SU TV is making a comeback! Student Eric Ware is in charge of the club, and he hopes to attract all kinds of students both on and off screen. There are many different types of ideas for the show such as: a game show, a dating show, debating about the upcoming Presidential Election, and PSA's for campus clubs.

I think this is a great idea, and I think that every student should try and get involved and get their voice heard and talent recognized. Whether you are skilled at screenwriting, a connoisseur with cameras and recording equipment, or born to be a star, you should join the club – I am sure there is something for every one. I am in this club, and, being a Communications major, am enjoying being a part of the SU TV revival. Even if you are like myself and definitely do not want to go in front of the camera, you can still help out by shooting the show, editing and uploading the show, helping to come up with ideas for the show, screenwriting, and so much more. SU TV also needs more ideas for upcoming shows and ideas to keep you, the audience, interested. I really hope that this club is revived and is successful because there are only a few ways for students to be heard, and this is such a big medium for our voices. This is a student run club, and students produce all the shows. Readers, this is such a great opportunity to have something such as a TV station at our fingertips. The TETC has a brand new, beautiful multi-million dollar studio, and it's currently not in use. How can this be? SU TV needs your help. Join this club, have your voice be heard, and make a difference in making Salisbury University better. SU TV, as I have said before, needs your input and ideas, and ideally – you. Please e-mail Eric Ware if you are interested in this club. It is going to be a lot of fun, and it is going to be huge.

Students, I encourage you to become part of the revival. This is going to be a TV station completely run by students for the students of Salisbury University. This club's purpose is to entertain our students, and what better way to entertain you than to have you be on board, contributing ideas? I say we form a great, involved club and entertain ourselves with comedies, game shows and music from local groups. This is such a great club, and I really am glad our voices can be further heard. Let's band together, form an awesome club, and revive SU TV!

Indecision 2008: A student's plea



Internet photo

This student feels that the candidates are repetitive and she craves something new to guide her toward her decision.

By Stacie Manger
Staff Writer

I watched the second presidential debate because I still have not decided whom I am going to vote for. Once again, I was disappointed and I still have not made a choice.

My immediate thought after listening to McCain and Obama bash each other for 90 minutes was, "Dear candidates, thank you for saying nothing." I heard one new policy from McCain about using $300 of the $700 billion from the bailout on home values and mortgages. Wow, one new idea.

I have been following the election since the primaries and I have political fatigue. I am so tired of listening to the same things over and over again. Neither candidate is saying anything new. Neither candidate is telling me what I want to hear. When has a candidate talked about the issues? They have not and that is what matters to me. Tell me what you are actually going to do to fix America. They are too busy bashing each other and one-upping each other. It is not why each candidate is the best; it is about why the other candidate will fail.

I do want to say that I respect both as people. Let me explain why I am hesitant on either candidate. Obama is a first term senator, and despite the fact that he is the most eloquent speaker I have heard in a long time, he lacks experience. That can be made up through the cabinet, but it does not make me want him as the leader of my country. McCain has many years on Obama, but that does not give him all of the wisdom needed to lead the nation either. Yes, he is a maverick and I do not believe he will be Bush all over again, but I do not trust him.

Both candidates promise a lot of things, but I do not envision either going through with the promises. I tend to disagree with a lot of liberal policies, but that does not mean I will not vote for one. I do not always agree with all conservative policies either. But to me, neither candidate is showing me that he can get the job done.

This year, this time, this election is what matters the most. The next president cannot screw up. I feel that McCain and Obama would make too many mistakes unless they can prove to me in the next month that they will fix it. So Mr. Obama and Mr. McCain, what do you stand for and what are you going to do for me?

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,
What's up with LAST YEAR's photos of Oktoberfest? That is so lame. If you couldn't publish current photos, then don't put anything at all. You guys waste so much space. The Flyer could have twice as many stories in it if you would just use smaller photos and tighter writing.
Signed,
C.J. Munroe

C.J. Munroe,
Thank you for your concern over last year's photos of Oktoberfest. We were not able to include current photos because the article was a preview and the actual event had not yet occurred. These photos were included to help create student interest in the event. Please find current photos in this week's article covering Oktoberfest.
Thank you,
Sarah Wright
Photo Editor

From the Editor in Chief:
We strongly encourage Letters to the Editor. However, please include your REAL name and your year. There is no C.J. Munroe listed in Groupwise. The actual C.J. Munroe is a retired transgender disk jockey from the U.K.
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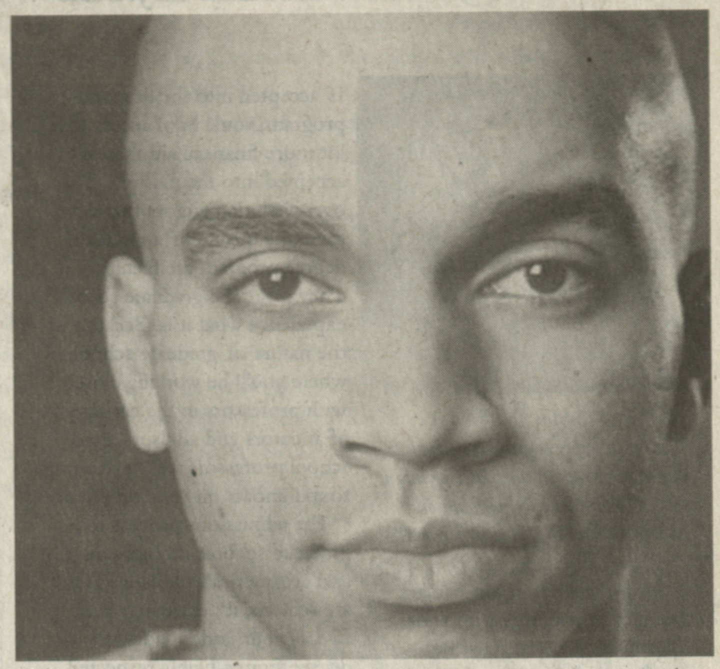
Illustrator Kadir Nelson shares story with SU, displays "Juxtaposition" exhibit in Fulton

Telecia Taylor photo

A community member admires Nelson's "Junkyard Moses," which, according to his Web site, depicts an ancient football game played by a band of gladiators. The landscape is that of a junkyard's and the players use discarded materials as game equipment.



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Artist and children's literature illustrator Kadir Nelson (above) spoke on Friday evening, October 10, in the TETC.

By Stacie Manger
Staff Writer

Artist and children's literature illustrator Kadir Nelson spoke Friday evening, October 10, in the new Teacher Education and Technology Center.

"I didn't think of my drawing materials as toys, which was a sign to my mother that I was serious about my work," Nelson said during the lecture. "My mother encouraged me and supplied me with materials. She also saved my drawings."

Nelson began drawing at an early age and he received formal training from his uncle. He said that his early drawings were of his favorite characters, especially Mickey Mouse. Nelson was more of a visual learner instead of a reader. He said he checked out art books and how to draw books. He would trace them until he could draw the figure or likeness on his own.

He worked with different styles, like body elongation, early in his career. His talent landed him a scholarship to the Pratt Institute in New York. At one point he was depressed and did not want to paint anymore, which made it worse.

"I was putting books back in the art section and discovered artists I had never heard of before," Nelson said about Rockwell, Picasso and Michelangelo. "I found new artists to steal from and painting became fun again."

Nelson was very open during his lecture about where he started and how he learned. Members of the audience could see how he advanced through viewing his images chronologically.

"Hearing him speak about how he had gotten to where he is today showed how dedicated he is to his work," said art major Colleen Foley. "The images he chose to [show] helped the audience see how Nelson grew as an artist and how he devolved his style."

Nelson worked on the movies *Amistad* and *Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron*. After drawing horses for a year and a half with *Spirit*, he moved to children's literature. In all, he has illustrated around 21 books.

Nelson showed illustrations from the children's books he worked on and the process for creating the artwork. He joked about missing deadlines and how sometimes he takes the publisher's views into consideration, but typically does his own thing.

Nelson said that one of his peeves is looking at the artwork for a story and knowing automatically where the words are going to go.

"I believe artwork should be able to stand on its own," he said. "I look at it like a silent film."

Foley agreed with the artist and said the image itself should be able to tell the story just as much as the words on the page. His images truly portrayed that belief, she said.

He said that he researches all of the elements that go into a piece like which trees are native to an area and how a person dresses. There has to be a reference, he said. It does not work if one makes the stuff up. Junior Angie Hammond said she was impressed by Nelson's efforts to make his work as historically accurate as possible.

Overall, Nelson delivered an inspiring and highly informative speech.

"Everyone has the ability to create something beautiful," he said. "It could be artwork or music or even cleaning the dishes. Every mother thinks clean dishes are beautiful."

From the Photo Bank: *What's Happening On Campus*

April Katsirbus photo

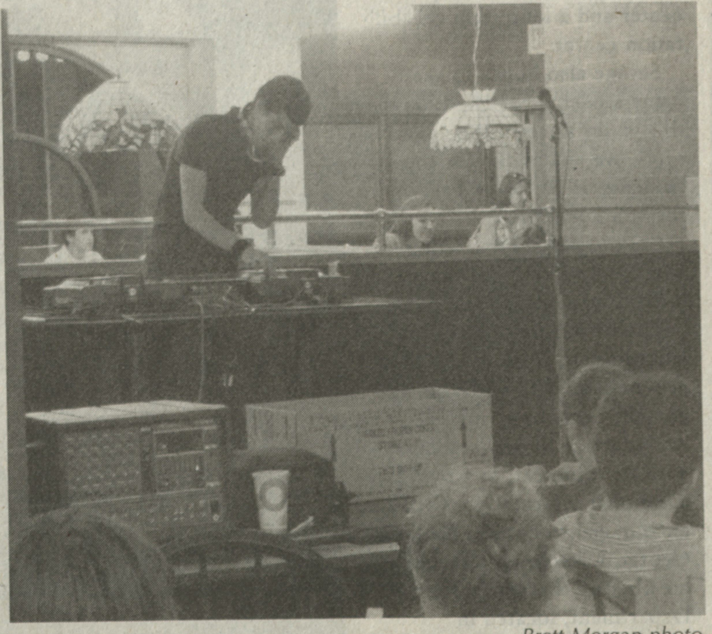
Brandan Pippens, Professor John Wesley Wright and Emily Jablonski in the dress rehearsals of My Children! My Africa! The play will run from Oct. 16 - 19. Curtain is at 8 p.m., 2 p.m. on Sundays.

Heather Herb photo

Mike Benson looks on as Brandon Golatt gets his cake...and eats it too, at Oktoberfest's Cake Eating Contest. Timothy Lum ended up being the winner, but Golatt put in a great effort!

Sarah Wright photo

BTGLASS officers Rob Cogdell and Lisa Heinrich promote National Coming Out Day (Saturday, Oct. 11) in Red Square on Friday.



Brett Morgan photo

DJ Frankie gets the crowd pumped at Thursday's Open Mic Night held in The Gull's Nest. The event was sponsored by SOAP.

Sarah Wright photo

The children of the D'Ann Danse Studio entertain the crowd at Friday's Night of the Living Zoo, held at the Salisbury Zoo.

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"I want to apply to graduate school and know I should start looking into it now. What advice do you have on finding a school that is right for me?"

For whichever reason you are deciding to continue with your education, this step must be taken carefully and be well planned. Going to graduate school is a tremendous investment of time and financial resources, and you must make sure that investment will advance your career in the desired direction. Graduate school can be an excellent opportunity and one of the best decisions you will ever make. Not only will it help you earn more money in the long run, but odds are you'll enjoy a much higher level of job and career satisfaction while you're earning your money.

There are basically two graduate school degrees-masters, or doctorate. The masters will require between one and three years of grad school work, and will often require the writing of a thesis. The doctorate degree is the highest degree offered in American colleges and universities. Earning a doctoral degree can take anywhere from three to seven years, depending on the field of study. There are all sorts of doctoral programs; of course, medical, dental, and pharmacy are three that many people are familiar with.

If you're not decided on which degree to go after, but you're sure you want to go to graduate school, it might be best if you apply for the doctoral program. If accepted into the doctoral program, you'll have access to a lot more financial aid than if accepted into the master's. The overwhelming factors that determine the quality of a graduate degree program are faculty. They make the graduate school experience what it is. Because of the nature of graduate school, where you'll be working closely with professors in the capacities of mentors and advisors, grad school professors will have a profound impact on your experience.

The admissions process to graduate schools is competitive, and at America's premier graduate schools, it's extremely selective. Is your undergraduate degree from a highly respected institution? What's your GPA? These are two huge determining factors in whether you'll be accepted or not. Then there is the question of test scores. For more information about graduate school and its many options, see Career Services, your advisor, or attend the Graduate School Fair on campus at the Link of Nations on October 16 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

"My ex boyfriend has been contacting me even though he broke up with me not too long ago. As soon as I started to get close to him again and wanting to give him another chance, he pulled away and told me he didn't want to be with me. Now he is contacting me again, doing the same thing! Help!"

It sounds like he wants to know that he can have you whenever he wants, especially when it's convenient for him. He doesn't want to be with you any more, but hates the fact that you could manage perfectly well without him. He wants to make his presence felt in your life, and can't let go of the fact that he is not so important to you anymore. As much as it might hurt, it's time to tell him to get lost unless he wants to get serious.

And we're on the air...

Public Radio Delmarva to hold membership drive

By Ben Muell
Staff Writer

WSDL 90.7 WSCL 89.5 Public Radio Delmarva is located on Salisbury's campus. Yes, I said on campus. That is what the giant radio tower extending out of the top of Caruthers is for. Public Radio Delmarva, with help from community volunteers and some Salisbury University students, will hold their annual membership drive from October 17 - 24. Through the drive they seek to raise upwards of $80,000 in donations.

The station receives a portion of their overall fund from the University but the majority of their funds come from the donations the station receives during its membership drive. Those donations will help pay for the stations programming, advertising and equipment through out the year. Currently they have 3500 members, who donate anywhere between $100 and $1000 a month.

Public Radio Delmarva has been in the area for the last twenty years. According to the station's Web site, "The landscape of the Eastern Shore has changed quite a bit. Public Radio Delmarva has become a fixture of the Shore's artistic and cultural life. We currently have over forty thousand regular listeners with a contributing membership of over 3,000. The future of radio is an exciting one, and we plan to be there, providing the same quality that you have come to expect."

Public Radio Delmarva can be heard all over the Delmarva Peninsula. The station offers a wide variety of programming. The majority of listeners come from the over 50 crowd but the station is starting to cater to the younger college scene. Public Radio Delmarva hosts popular shows such as All Things Considered, Car Talk, the Diane Rehm Show, Delmarva Today, Latino USA., and Weekend Edition. The station is now able to broadcast the world's finest classical music, chosen monthly by the members, and news and information programs twenty-four hours a day. They have even added live internet streaming.

To support Public Radio Delmarva you can log on to publicradiodelmarva.net where you can find a verity of ways to donate.

Sarah Wright photo

Bill Bukowski broadcasts live from the station housed in Caruthers. In the upcoming drive, PRD hopes to raise upwards of $80,000.

Health Services prepares for 2008 influenza season

By Alison Schwartz
Staff Writer

Salisbury University is taking extra precautions this year to avoid flu outbreaks. Since last year's vaccines were only 40 percent effective, Jennifer Berkman, director of Student Health Services, and the Health Services staff are more prepared than ever for flu season.

The upcoming flu shot clinics are being held October 27 and October 29 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Link of Nations in the Commons. Flu shots will be administered for $15. These clinics are on a first-come first-serve basis. Students, faculty, staff, spouses, partners and retirees are all eligible for this shot. Cancer patients, people with diabetes, heart and lung conditions, or HIV will get precedence in the event of a limited vaccine supply.

Flu vaccines are manufactured using different strains. A proposed reason for last year's ineffective vaccines was the lack of knowledge about various strains of the influenza virus that could infect the United States.

The flu is a dead virus. This means that if you have received the vaccine, you will not be infected.

"A lot of people believe the flu vaccine to be ineffective because they get the shot after they have already been infected," Berkman said. Flu season lasts from December 1 to the end of January or February. Flu shots are being given in late October, three weeks in advance so that people will be immune to the virus.

For early prevention of the influenza virus, people should receive a flu shot and build their immune system by eating right, exercising, sleeping and properly managing stress. It is imperative that people properly nourish themselves with a daily intake of fruit, vegetables and calcium. This includes taking the vitamins and supplements necessary to one's diet. Many college students do not have the means to obtain influenza vaccines, so it is important that these students properly manage their stress in appropriate ways and have at least eight hours of sleep per night.

Influenza can be a nightmare for college students. Missing multiple days of school can seriously affect academic performance, so it is imperative that every student takes the necessary measures to avoid contracting this illness.

HALO: "Love em' like Jesus"

Local outreach team seeks student volunteers

By Alyana Gomez
Staff Writer

HALO, the Hope and Life Outreach team, is looking for help assisting the 1,350 homeless children in Wicomico County. There is a growing need for shelter and food for the homeless women and children of the area. Celeste Savage, the CEO and Executive Director of HALO, has put together a team of professionals who are willing and able to assist not only these people but also the helpless and anyone hurting in the community.

HALO offers skill workshops that are designed to help people obtain the abilities they need to become more self sufficient and independent. One of their beliefs is: "You don't want to give them the fish; you want to teach them how to fish."

The Personal Development Workshop consists of budgeting, eating right, couponing, parenting, and organization. The Career Development Workshop contains resume writing, job interviewing skills, dressing for success and becoming a team player. The career development program also aims to help any adults struggling with literacy. Other programs include a bargain center, food pantries, drug and alcohol rehabilitation, personal mentoring, and HALO housing.

HALO will be holding an event called "Code Blue," which is a cold weather shelter for women and children, running January 1 - March 31. They will be providing the homeless with temporary shelter and meals. In addition, during "Code Blue" parenting classes will be offered.

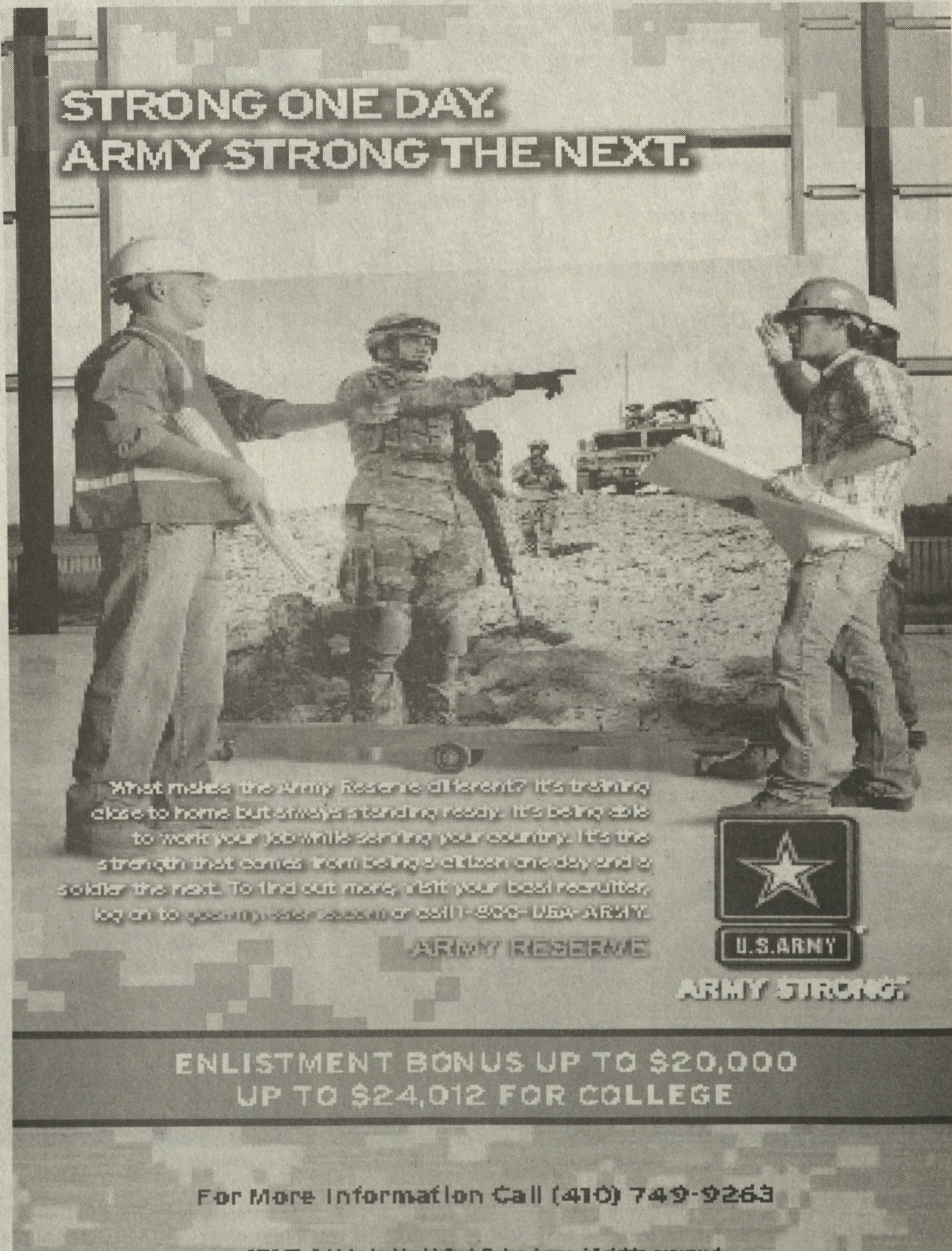
During Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving and Labor Day they offer "HALO on the Street," which is where their volunteer impact partners serve a home cooked meal to the homeless three nights during the week. Each and every one of these drives and events is open to volunteers from the community to be part of the solution to this problem.

October 19 - 31, HALO will be offering a drive called "Operation Warm Up" as a part of the Wicomico County Coalition for the Homeless "Code Blue" initiative. Here they will be donating coats, jackets, hats, gloves, blankets, and anything else that can keep the body warm during winter. HALO will be collecting the items at their office located at 321 Tilghman Road, suite 206, in the K-Mart shopping center in Salisbury. They are asking students and the people of the community to participate in this drive and donate some belongings to the people in need of them.

"Our mission is simple; 'Love 'em Like Jesus' by providing services that meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those we serve," Savage said. Their future goals are to have a life development center and a long term rehabilitation center.

Savage also hopes to see many students participating in this giving back to the community. "We would like for the students of SU to be part of the solution by partnering with HALO to reach the hurting in our community. I call them the walking wounded," Savage said.

The Community Relations Coordinator, Marlene Catlin, is also helping with getting the student community involved in the program. If any students wish to volunteer, or would like additional information, they are encouraged to contact Catlin or George Whitehead, a faculty member of the Psychology Department, located in Allenwood Center Offices room 610.



Weekly Greek News

More Than Just a Club

By Andrew Kirkendall
Staff Writer

On the broad scale, fraternities and sororities try to market themselves as vessels for brotherhood and sisterhood, which makes total sense to somebody who has ever been involved in a Greek organization. But to somebody on the outside, it has the appearance of a club and nothing more, and that is because they themselves cannot understand the unity and bonds which are shared by members of Greek organizations. These skeptics cannot understand the depth of the connection between members.

The bonds that are shared between members of Greek organizations are multifaceted. Members of a particular chapter share a very specific bond. They have the bond of shared stories and experiences the same way that a close knit group of friends share stories. This is a connection which you and the members of the same chapter solely share; these are your brothers or sisters in every sense of the word. These are the people whom you would do anything and everything in your power to help out when they are in need.

But these individual chapter members are also connected to members of the same organization throughout the country because of a shared history and because of shared rituals. Greek organizations have varying levels of shared rituals. Some are very strict, some are more lax, but regardless these rituals help to aid in this shared bond, even if it is nothing more than a handshake. That simple shared handshake separates brothers from everybody else.

There are shared identities between clubs and Greek organizations. Both are affiliated with a particular college or university, and both connect members with shared identities, but that is where the similarities stop. Clubs meet on a weekly basis. Greek Organizations may meet weekly, however, in many schools living in a fraternity or sorority house means that you cannot escape constant interaction with the group. For the most part, clubs last for the period of time in which one attends school. Greek organizations rely upon a network of alumni to hold together the national structure of the organization and encourage alumni participation in individual chapters.

On the surface, clubs and Greek organizations are very similar, but it is only through active participation in which one can truly express and feel the drastic difference between the two. It is only through active involvement that one can feel the connection which brotherhood and sisterhood hold.

Local Jaycees to host Treat Street on Halloween

By Robert Cogdell III
Staff Writer

Get ghouled, geared up and ready for Treat Street, presented by the Salisbury Jaycees organization. On Halloween night, the Salisbury Jaycees host a plethora of candy, fun and games for local kids within the local area.

The Salisbury Jaycees took notice when the community expressed concerns about safety issues while trick-or-treating. Since 2007 they've been planning a special and safe Halloween evening of fun for local children. With various support and grants from both Wicomico County and Urban Salisbury, the Jaycees were able to create Treat Street.

On Oct. 31 from 6 - 9 p.m., downtown Salisbury will be turned into a fun-filled affair for local children ages three to eleven. Children will register at the Chamber of Commerce building in order to receive a punch card for the many activities being held. These activities include giveaways, bean bag tosses, games, storytelling, and ten candy filled tables handing out treats until 8 p.m.

Also, the first 200 children to arrive will receive a free pumpkin pail, which the Jaycees have donated. Children must be accompanied by an adult, registered with the Chamber of Commerce upon participating, and be in costume.

The Salisbury Jaycees is a community based organization that is part of a national group, and has been around since the 1940s. It allows membership for those ages 21 to 40, and offers the initial opportunity to not only be community involved, but also provides socialization, organization skills and overall leadership training. One of the creeds of faith the organization lives up to is "faith in service to humanity for the best work of life develop," said current Jaycees president and SU faculty, Jason Rhodes. SU alumna Mary Kingston, currently a kindergarten teacher at the Wicomico Day School, is also the Chairperson for the Salisbury Jaycees. Despite the membership age range Jaycees are always looking for those interested in volunteer work.

Two Salisbury University organizations have already jumped on the hay wagon to volunteer for the event. Both Colleges Against Cancer and Alpha Phi Omega have volunteered for the night. Other volunteers are welcome, from SU especially, and the times are early enough for those who have adult Halloween events to attend later that night.

The Salisbury Jaycees Treat Street looks to be a promising event and with an anticipated turnout of over 300 hundred local children, it will hopefully be the first of many Halloweens to come. For more information contact Jason Rhodes in the Public Relations Office or visit www.salisburyjc.com.

SGA strives to figure out what students want

Heather Herb photo

SGA President Lili Afkhami drives a student to class on What Do You Want Wednesday, a program aimed at discovering and meeting SU students' needs. This is SGA's second year running WDYWW.

By Laura Bounds
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University Student Government Association, SGA, wants to know what their student's care about. What Do You Want Wednesdays (WDYWW), brought back last year by the SGA, aims to get students to speak up about problems they care about.

Tackling important issues on campus every day, the SGA's goal is to better SU. WDYWW seeks to know students through personal interaction. "We drive a golf cart around campus between 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. every Wednesday and offer students a ride to class while asking them what they would like to see added, changed, or different at Salisbury University," said Jeffrey Kravitz, SGA VP of Public Relations and PR Chair/Webmaster for Students for a Safer Community. "It's a great way of giving the students a voice to bring important issues around campus that need to be addressed to our attention."

Some top concerns students have expressed are more parking spaces, off-campus safety, extended library hours on a regular basis and more computers on campus. Those wishing to see the success of WDYWW need only look to the new University Fitness Club.

Located across from University Park apartments, the University Fitness Club was acquired from Merritt Racquet Ball and Fitness Club by SU due to input from students that Maggs Gym was too small and needed more equipment like treadmills. "Without the input we received from the students, the University's purchase of that space may not have happened," Kravitz said. "A new 850 space parking garage is also being built on the corner of Bateman & Wayne St. behind Hardees, and will alleviate parking problems when it is ready next summer."

SGA addresses concerns of students with WDYWW by having a team of senators discuss problems with administration. While trying to tend to the most important issues first, SGA strives to make sure that every matter voiced is resolved through contacting the appropriate departments.

"I'm personally glad that the SGA developed this program and is out there trying to find out what students want," said senior Lindsey Nibert. "It shows that the school cares about what we think and things that need to be changed are getting done."

Students are encouraged to speak up about things they want to see changed on campus. Those who want to have their voice heard about an issue but aren't able to talk on Wednesdays can email the SGA at sga@salisbury.edu or call at 410-548-4757.

Unordinarily S(h)ane

Remedies and Regrets

By Shane Hill
Staff Writer

If life were a big white sheet, regret would be that one red stain that never goes away. We've all had them and however big or small, they made even the most beautiful satin, soiled. A few of my regrets include failed relationships, being held back a year for changing my major for a fourth time, and intentionally missing my late grandmother's funeral.

Having regrets can drive you crazy, and even I've lain awake at night sometimes wondering who was responsible, what the hell I was thinking, and why in the world it happened to me. These thoughts never did contribute much except headaches and insomnia. So in the name of all that is stained I question *What are the remedies for regret?*

A very old friend of mine had an unpleasant childhood. In this, he regrets where he came from and often uses that as a basis for where he is going, and how he lives now. Although his parents made the rules when he was five, 17 years later, he still looks back and blames them for what they did to him, between their bitter neglect and their iron fists. Despite this, he was still the one with the cold shoulder and an impenetrable heart made of steel. Then, the question really becomes when is it time to forgive? Until we're red with regret or recognize the past is in fact in the past.

In life it seems there are few remedies for regret and you can use one of two things. A common remedy is a big bottle of hind-sight-bias, with the bleaching power of guilt, and the scrubbing power of insecurity. This will result in a bigger stain, and if you do relieve the stain, you create a new one trying to get rid of the old one. It almost never works and isn't piece-of-mind and time-back guaranteed.

On the other hand, why clean up a mess you never made? They say that the best way to get rid of something is to prevent it. In this it's best to live life without regrets. If we're to preoccupied looking back on past mistakes, how can we look forward to the future? Instead of looking back to regret, reflect and move on, if not you may as well take your sheets and soak them in a tub full red wine and let them soil. Although this remedy for regret doesn't come in a convenient stain removing pen, it offers intellect and reflection into oneself, and thus helps you learn grow, and that's one life-time guarantee you can trust.

College Democrats: Rebuilding and ready to win

Sarah Lake photo

Democratic congressional candidate Frank Kratovil pals around with members of the SU Dems! at Monday's education forum.

By Jillian Verpent
Staff Writer

The upcoming election has been generating a lot of buzz around the SU campus lately. Students are eager to share their opinions, but some may have noticed something: there is a College Republicans club, but no College Democrats club. However, the College Democrats are making a comeback on the SU campus and are rebuilding their club from the ground up.

Spearheading the return is freshman Hyo Bin Sung, a political science major and president of the College Democrats. Sung, along with 11 other students, are currently working on getting their group established as an official club on campus. They have submitted all the necessary paperwork, and only need to attend two more SGA forums to become recognized.

"One of our biggest goals is to bring more recognition and awareness to the political events going on around us," Sung said. "We want this club to be a forum where students can come out and share their ideas and make things happen."

Although still awaiting approval to become officially recognized, the club has wasted no time moving forward with plans. They have already set goals, both short term and long term, and plan on keeping the club alive for good. A loss of members due to graduation and a lack of interest from the rest of the student body was what led to the decline of the club originally.

"We have a lot of great project ideas," Sung said. "We just need the support of the student body to accomplish those goals."

The club's first event of the semester was done in conjunction with the Environmental Student Association. The clubs arranged for U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski and First District Congressional candidate Frank Kratovil to visit SU. They held a meeting in Holloway Hall, which was run much like a town-hall meeting and was open to the student body and the community.

The club is very excited about reaching out to the College Republicans and hosting a debate, where students can ask questions of the participants. Sung also mentioned visiting the Maryland General Assembly to learn more about the workings of the government.

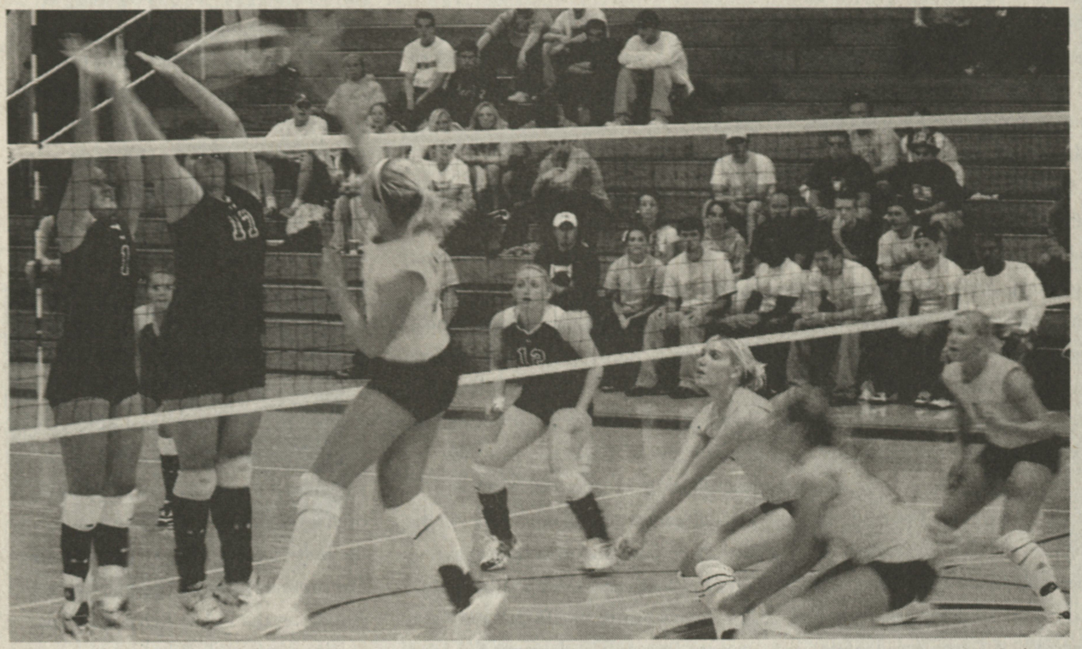
"We want to bring people together to learn from each other through discussion and debate, but to also be a place where students can come out and enjoy themselves," Sung said.

"In these times with the economy, the war, climate change and so many other huge issues, it is extremely important to be aware of who we are going to put into office," said Julia Glanz, vice president of the club. "If college students start taking bigger roles in politics, political figures will start paying more attention to us and we can make a change."

Sarah Lake photo

SU Dems! president Hyo Bin Sung, a freshman, prepares to introduce Frank Kratovil and Barbara Mikulski. Monday's forum was sponsored by the Dems and the Environmental Student Association.

Volleyball defeats "The New SU" at Dig Pink Night



Dan MacFarland photo

Salisbury All-American Stacey Krebs attacks the ball against Stevenson on Dig Pink Night. Salisbury swept Stevenson in three matches. Unfortunately, noone won a Ford Flex.

By Jeremy Kummer
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University volleyball team (27-1, CAC 5-0) won their twenthy-third straight match last Tuesday when they hosted Dig Pink night. Over 585 people attended the game to watch the Sea Gulls make quick work of Stevenson in straight games. The first game brought quite a scare to the SU faithful as Salisbury squeaked by Stevenson 26-24. From there it was not much of a match as they defeated Stevenson 25-13 and 25-16 in the remaining games. "We really stepped it up in the last two games and dominated them," said senior Dan McFarland.

Stacey Krebs controlled the net as she had a team-high of 13 kills. Krebs only needs three more until she reaches the 1,600 mark for her career. Everyone contributed in this game, as junior Rachael Downs and freshman Alexandra Malesick both had seven kills. Gabby Long contributed 15 digs and Jamie Marzocchi set for 26 assists. "We are playing together and it's really showing. It's satisfying to see all of our hard work paying off," said junior middle-hitter Nicole Massarelli.

Dig Pink night proved to be an outstanding event. The atmosphere was lively and the turn out was exceptional. "I had a fun time. It was nice to be able to participate in a great cause," McFarland said. Although the hype for the new Ford Flex was high, it turned out to be a little bit of a letdown. Out of the two contestants that were picked, neither was able to serve the ball through a small hole in a board.

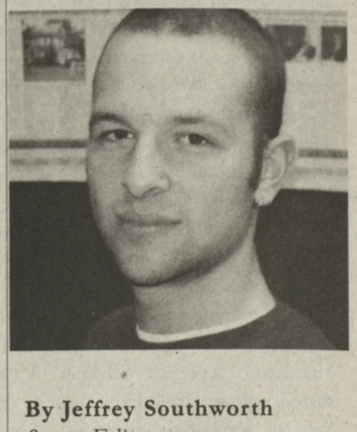
After the first game, Stevenson did not put up much of a fight. Salisbury just kept pushing the tempo and imposing their will on Stevenson, who might have spoken too early when they said they were the "new SU" in town. "We run our offense so much faster this year. It's hard for teams to defend us. The faster we play the better we are," Massarelli said. It was simply another stepping block on Salisbury's quest for a CAC title and possibly more.

The Gulls play their next conference opponent at home against York College (13-9, CAC 3-3) on Wednesday, October 15. The Sea Gulls still need to take care of business and should not take York too lightly.

Salisbury has three remaining conference games until the CAC tournament. They must go through York, St. Mary's and Gallaudet before the much-anticipated tournament begins November 4.

Editor's Column

A day with NBA 2k9



By Jeffrey Southworth
Sports Editor

For anyone who plays sports video games, last Tuesday should have been circled on their calendars. NBA 2k9 was released. I grew up playing NBA Live, but after NBA 2k8, I have officially switched franchises. I have never been more excited for a release of a video game than I have been for NBA 2k9. After only one week of playing I have already written it off as the best sports game ever, sorry Madden. In light of my excitement for the best basketball video game ever, I decided to keep a running journal of half of my first day playing 2k9.

(8:51 a.m.) I am at home getting situated for class. I have two and a half hours before my buddy Jason and I get to the mall to get a copy of 2k9. Having to wait until after class is brutal. It feels like Christmas when you're not allowed to open presents until after breakfast.

(12:15 p.m.) Class is finally over and I am headed to the mall. I got snacks and lunch, all I need is a blue slurpee. I spent all last class trying to decide who I should be. The three random team rule doesn't apply to game one in 2k9. This is a tough decision, but I've settled on the Clippers. I can't wait to play with Baron and Air Gordon.

(1:40 p.m.) The game is in and loading. The controller isn't working. I am having the scare of the semester; I hope this isn't the battery crisis of '08 all over again. The controller has been fixed and it's game time. I am the Clippers and Jason is the Grizzlies.

(2:18 p.m.) I took game one, 71-69, on a Baron Davis game-winner with 0.6 left on the clock. He was playing me off, he expected me to drive after I ran an isolation, but I pulled up for the win. Gordon finished with 15-2-3, solid numbers for a rookie player. Gordon and Mayo both got a lot of rookie love, both are rated over 82.

(3:00 p.m.) After a shook break, I am back on. I chose the Bulls. I can't wait to play with Derrick Rose; a point guard that can dunk has the potential to dominate the game.

(3:32 p.m.) 2-0. I am playing good basketball. Rose is even more fun to play with than I expected. He put up 20-4-8-2 numbers in his 2k9 debut. The isomotion feature takes the game to a new level.

(3:45 p.m.) I could play this all day, all night, all week, all month and I probably will. But for now, time to get work done before the girls volleyball game against Stevenson. "The New SU," HA. I hope we beat them as bad as I beat Jason with the Bulls.

Gulls take care of Terror

Shawn Nisson
Staff Writer

Andrew Baker photo

Salisbury field hockey wins close game against McDaniel, 2 - 0, at Sea Gull Stadium.

The No. 9 ranked Salisbury University field hockey team (9-2, CAC 3-0) dismissed in-state rival McDaniel College 2-0 last Tuesday earning their fourth straight shutout and eighth on the season.

"I think there was a shield across the goal today for us," said head coach Dawn Chamberlin. "It wasn't for the lack of effort, we really worked hard, we got the ball in good position, we were taking some really nice shots, they just weren't falling for us today. It's good though, we didn't get frustrated, we didn't back off; we were relentless in what we were doing in front of that goal and we got enough to win so that's what counts."

The Gulls certainly had plenty of opportunities over the course of the contest as they out shot McDaniel 23-1, and collected 14 penalty corners opposed to McDaniel's lone attempt. If it weren't for goalkeeper Erika Wawzyanick and her 10 saves for the Green Terror, the score would have looked a lot different.

The Sea Gulls were able to put one past the Green Terror (6-6) early, as Beverly Beladino collected her third goal of the season. The junior from Putnam Valley corralled a loose rebound inside of the 16 yard box, patiently held the ball on her stick waiting for the far side of the goal to open up and fired a rocket that gave the Gulls a 1-0 lead just 2:51 into the contest.

While the Gulls had countless chances to strike again, they would not double their advantage until 16 minutes into the second half. This time the scoring strike came from the team point's leader Lauren Correll. The junior forward gathered a loose rebound in front of the net, off a Beladino shot, and promptly deposited it into the back of the cage.

"Something our coach has been emphasizing is that the forwards not being in a straight line," Correll said. "So we've been really working on staggering so when the ball gets through you can see it and every spot is covered. So at that point the ball came across from Bev and I was really concentrating on getting in position where I could see the ball and not be directly behind my teammates."

Correll's tenth goal of the season was the icing on the cake for the Gulls, as Salisbury would hold off McDaniel to earn the victory. While she did not have to make a save, the win takes SU goalie Anna Cooke's record to 5-0 on the season. The Gulls will play next in a homecoming match-up against rival, The College of New Jersey at 6 p.m. on October 18.

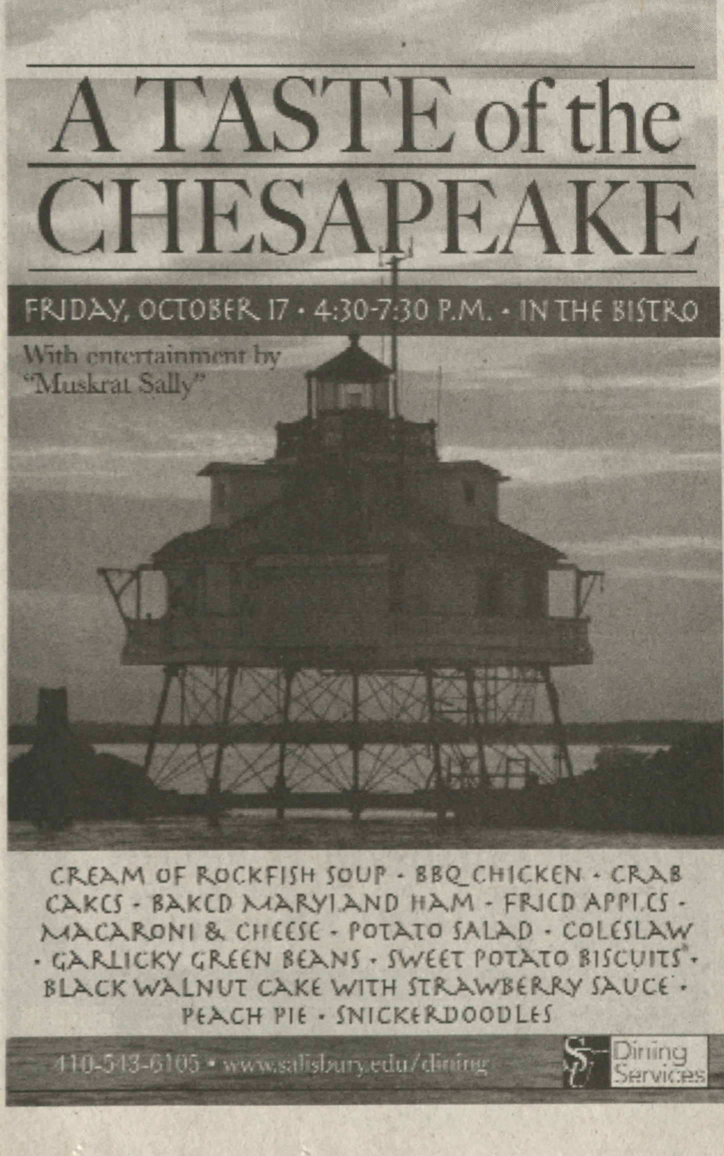
Salisbury Football is shaking off the monkey

By Chris Brown
Staff Writer

Last week, the Salisbury University football team (5-1, CAC 1-0) opened their conference schedule with a 48-17 victory over Apprentice School of Newport News, Va. Later that night, seven Salisbury students, including five members of the team, were arrested for alleged involvement in a fight that occurred at a local bar. According to the University's Student Code of Conduct, no official comment can be made because there is an ongoing investigation and the students are protected by the Family Education Rights Privacy Act. Students are innocent until proven guilty and are granted their due process rights, which includes a hearing held before a board of faculty, staff and students. "This is done to protect the students," said Dr. Ellen Neufeldt, Vice President of Student Affairs. Head coach Sherman Wood declined to comment, but said that his focus now is on handling his current players.

At a Varsity Club luncheon on Thursday, coach Wood said that he felt good about the morale of the team after two good days of practice, and went on to add that they were excited for the opportunity to be playing St. John Fisher on Saturday. "We are going to have new kids in key positions, and they are probably more excited than anyone else," Wood said. He added that it was important for the coaching staff to know what the new starters' strengths and weaknesses were in order to cut down on mistakes that could occur. Wood mentioned linebacker Matt Leon and defensive backs Darryl Jones and Blake Lovelace as players that would be starting for the first time against the Cardinals. Wood said that the team was going to need all of its players to step up.

On Saturday the Gulls, ranked No. 20 in the latest American Football Coaches Association poll, took Wood's words to heart as they defeated No. 25 St. John Fisher in a 58-52 quadruple overtime victory. Salisbury gained a season high 626 yards of total offense as sophomore superback Bryan Woolson ran for 162 yards and three touchdowns. Senior Shelby Fisher had four rushing touchdowns including a game-tying score at the end of the fourth quarter and the game-winner in overtime. Next week is Homecoming for Salisbury University, and on Oct. 18 the team returns to Sea Gull Stadium to host Lake Erie at 1 p.m.



Club Spotlight:

Salisbury sets sail

By Tom Watson
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University sailing team, in just its second year as a club team, is already off to the races, literally.

The sailing Sea Gulls practice twice a week and sail in a regatta just about every weekend. A regatta is a sailing event where teams from up and down the east coast, including Navy, University of Maryland, College Park, UMBC, St. Mary's, George Washington and Hampton, come together to compete. A typical regatta usually has between 15 and 20 teams participating, though the number jumps to the mid 20s during WAR, the east coast Sailing Championships.

There are two fleets, an A fleet and a B fleet that consist of a skipper and a crew. Each school's A fleet will shove off and race around a pre-designed course. When all of the A fleets have crossed the finish line, the B fleets set out for their race. This rotation continues until each fleet has raced an optimum of eight times.

As far as scoring goes, it is very similar to golf, in that the lowest score wins. If you come in first place in a race, you receive one point, if you come in fifteenth place in a race you receive 15 points. After the races are completed, the scores for both fleets are added up and the team with the lowest combined score wins the regatta.

Salisbury's team consists of 10 - 15 "die-hard sailors," as co-president of the club Joe Taylor describes them, and a few others who show up just for the fun of sailing. The team practices Mondays and Wednesdays in Ocean Pines and travels all over the coast to race each weekend of the year. The team will race and practice into December and break for finals and winter break, then reunite in February at the beginning of the spring semester and fall right back into their routine.

Though they are a very competitive team, the sailing team is equally dedicated to the sport. Their first bye week of the year falls on the weekend of October 17. Instead of taking the weekend off from their year's worth of sailing, the team is hosting a fun day on the 19th.

They plan on taking a few vans of wannabe sailors to Ocean Pines to meet the team and learn the sport of sailing. There will also be a cookout while the team teaches people how to sail. "We are good, responsible individuals. We love to sail and we want everyone to see the fun and enjoyment in sailing," Taylor said.

This weekend the team sails at Hampton University and when springtime comes, they hope to host some home meets against other club teams.

Sea Gulls back on track again

By Edward Baidoo
Staff Writer

SU Athletics photo

Players attack a loose ball during Saturday's game.

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Junior Kyle Sterling controls the ball against St. Mary's defense. SU wins 5 - 2.

On Saturday, the Salisbury Sea Gulls men's soccer team (10-3-1, CAC 3-1) got a huge victory by defeating conference opponent St. Mary College of Maryland 5-2.

The victory over St. Mary's came on the heels of a 3-0 shutout victory over Stevenson University last Wednesday. In that game, the Gulls put up 20 shots, 11 on goal and eventually exploded to score three goals against the Mustangs. Junior Forward Kyle Sterling figured into the victory in a big way, assisting on all of the Sea Gulls' three goals.

The Gulls got off to a quick start Saturday versus St. Mary's, scoring thirty seconds into the game on a sophomore forward Mike Napolitano goal. SU Men's Soccer Coach, Gerry DiBartolo saw this fast start as a key factor in the win.

"The ability to score early built confidence for us. We also seemed to be a bit quicker to the ball. Those factors helped a lot in the game," DiBartolo said.

St. Mary's tried to make a game of it, responding to yet another SU score near the end of the first half to make it a 4-2 game, but Sam Flax scored early in the second half to put it away for good. The Sea Gulls have looked like a completely different team, recently on their current two game winning streak, as opposed to the 0-3-1 mark they had posted in the prior four games before beating Stevenson. DiBartolo sees a couple reasons as to why this has been the case.

"The biggest difference recently is that we haven't been unlucky. We were unlucky the past few games. We have also been creating opportunities to score by anticipating where the ball is going and putting the opposing team under pressure."

This was also big for SU because this brought their conference winning percentage above .500. The victory over St. Mary's improved the mark to 3-2. Coach DiBartolo knew the importance of this win as the regular season is rapidly drawing to its close.

"This was a huge win in the conference. They had beaten us in conference play the past two years and to win today was huge for us," DiBartolo said.

The Gulls' next chance to improve on their current winning streak is on Wednesday, as they take on Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Va. at 7 p.m.

Men 1st in DeSales Invitational, women not too far behind

By Therran Dennis
Staff Writer

This past Saturday was a great day for the SU cross country team, as the men and women finished first and second overall in the DeSales Invitational, which took place in Center Valley, Pa.

The men started out the beginning of their 8k-race full steam ahead, and never broke stride. Senior Zack Dickerson, junior Travis Boccher and sophomores Chris Barnard and Sam Boimov led the way for the men's side. The Sea Gulls had their top five runners finish in the top 20 in a race that featured 180 runners from 20 different schools.

Dickerson finished second overall with a time of 26:58, finishing behind University of Scranton's Chris Wasnetsky, who finished first with an impressive time of 26:37. Boccher, who finished the race with a time of 27:06, placed behind Dickerson. There would not be another runner from the men's team to finish, until Barnard completed the race in tenth place with a time of 27:42. He was followed by Boimov, who finished twelfth with a time of 27:52. Freshman Trevor Keen crossed the finish line nineteenth overall with a time of 28:04, while senior Ben Thomas finished the race in twenty-second place with a time of 28:12. Overall, the men's team finished in first place with 136 points.

The women's team was just as impressive as the men. They would end up having four of their runners finish in the top 18. They were led by senior Jen Bulger, who finished her race sixth overall with a time of 24:12 in the 6k. Following her was senior Amy DeMichele, who finished ninth with a time of 24:20. Sophomore Masha Berge was next to cross the finish line. She finished in sixteenth place with a time of 24.32. Berge was followed by sophomore Kristin Stromberg, who finished eighteenth with a time of 24:39. Rowan freshman Jena Peacock took first place in the 6k with a time of 22:57.

In a race that featured 145 runners from 18 different schools, the women's team was quite a success at the Invitational. They held tight together and ran to a second place finish. Coach Jim Jones could not have been more satisfied with the women's performance. "I was proud how the women worked together today," he said.

The Sea Gulls will now have to keep pace, as they will prepare for the Gettysburg Invitational next Saturday, Oct. 18 in Gettysburg, Pa.

Salisbury Sports Calendar

Tuesday-10/14	Wednesday-10/15	Thursday-10/16	Friday-10/17	Saturday-10/18	Sunday-10/19	Monday-10/20
Women's Soccer Marymount (Va.) @ 4:00 PM	Volleyball v. York at 7 p.m. Men's Soccer at Chris. Newport @ 7 p.m.			HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME!!! SU v. Lake Erie at 1 p.m. Field Hockey v. TCNJ @ 6 p.m.		

Ackermann up for NCAA Woman of the Year

By Ben Muell
Staff Writer

Flyer file photo

Sue Ackermann

Salisbury's Sue Ackermann has been named as one of nine finalists for the NCAA Woman of the Year award. This is the first time a SU student-athlete has received such esteem, as the 18th annual award will honor one exceptional female student-athlete for her hard work and leadership in the class room, on the field and in the community. The nine finalists who were chosen span all three collegiate divisions and include a variety of sports.

"It was a huge honor that I really didn't expect because there were so many deserving athletes. All the credit goes to the team and the coaches," Ackerman said. "There are some seniors on the team this year that are just as qualified."

Head coach Jim Nestor said she was very deserving of the honor "with all she accomplished here and her hard work and focus on the field and in the class room." He continued to say that she was a "leader and knew when to speak up. She demanded a lot out of herself and her teammates."

Some of Ackermann's academic awards and honors include finishing third overall for College Division Academic All-America of the Year, College Division At-Large Academic All-America of the Year, Academic All-District first team, IWLCA Division III Scholar-Athlete of the Year, CAC Women's Scholar-Athlete of the Year and SU Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Ackermann's on-field exploits have been well noted as she graduated SU as the all-time leader in points (321), assists (149), second in goals (172) and is the holder of the second highest single-season point total (152) in NCAA women's lacrosse history. Ackermann also garnered multiple awards for her skills on the field. A few of her nominations include IWLCA All-American first team, Capital Athletic Conference Player of the Year, All-CAC first team, Inside Lacrosse Division III Athlete of the Year and NCAA All-Tournament team.

The list of awards and honors for Ackermann is very long, but most notably last year she graduated with a degree in Exercise Science and a 3.94 GPA. She is currently still at SU working on her MBA and is now the assistant coach for the lacrosse team. Only one Division Three athlete has ever won the NCAA Woman of the Year award, and Salisbury could not be more proud to have Ackermann in contention.

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Volleyball

The No. 24 SU volleyball team (27-1, CAC 5-0) won the Green Terror Invitational at McDaniel over the weekend by defeating Penn St.-Behrend, Gordon, McDaniel and Gallaudet.

On day one, SU defeated Penn St.-Behrend in three sets. Senior Stacey Krebs finished with 17 kills. SU then went on to defeat Gordon College in three sets. Krebs continued to play well and recorded 14 kills.

On day two, SU defeated McDaniel and Gallaudet to win the tournament championship. The Gulls defeated both regional opponents in three sets. Krebs would go on to make the All-Tournament Team. SU takes on York on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Maggs. SU won their fifth tournament of the season in six attempts.

Women's Soccer

The SU women's soccer team (4-4-4, CAC 2-0-2) came up short against Richard Stockton 3-1 on Wednesday. The game stayed scoreless through the first half, but the Osprey's went on to score three second half goals. Leah Pocorba scored first for the Ospreys at the 51:41 mark. Sea Gulls defenseman Kelli Salter tied the game 16 minutes later at 1-1. The Ospreys regained the lead six minutes later when Shelley Gibney scored. Amanda Altman scored the final goal for Stockton in the 80th minute.

SU returns to action on Tuesday at 4 p.m. when they host conference for Marymount at the SU soccer complex.

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SU Men's Club Volleyball looks for a repeat year

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Salisbury Men's Club Volleyball forges new rivalry with the Naval Academy.

By Rachel Grau
Staff Writer

The SU men's club volleyball team returns after a successful 2007-2008 season and is looking for a repeat year. The Gulls ended last year's season coming home with the 2008 Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association championship trophy, and expect nothing more, but a repeat trophy.

"I have high expectations for this team, we have a powerful offense with incredible defenders," said senior Bryan Shannon. "We expect to repeat in the conference championship for the first time ever, and be successful at nationals."

The Gulls are starting their preseason with an offense led by seniors Shannon, Ryan Chandler and Jeff Southworth. Sophomore Danny Cole will also look to contribute power to an already solid offense. The team will also look to senior setters John Zahner and Chandler, along with top server, senior Marty Martinez to help them repeat as champions.

Leading the blocking for this years team, are junior Dan Dehmer and sophomore John Kemberling. Seniors Jon Moynihan, Jason Sprankle, Topper Person and junior Jason Schaedel will contribute to the defense.

The team has high hopes for the new coming team members. Freshmen Kevin Southworth and Jeremy Marshall bring youth to the team. Seniors Andrew Eck, Josh Weber, Drew Fagundus and Adam Evans return as veterans.

"We will be the team to beat in the conference and everyone will be gunning for us," said advisor Dennis Leoutsakas. The Gulls are self-coached and led by senior captains Shannon and Chandler, along with advisor Leoutsakas. The team has three tournaments planned for the fall season, including an upcoming round robin memorial tournament at James Madison University.

The Gulls are in the Division Two central conference of the Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association. Other schools in the conference are Loyola, Towson, UMBC, Johns Hopkins, George Washington and Georgetown. "The competition in our conference is good, but it's not good enough," Sprankle said.

"Towson has always been a big rival and Loyola and UMBC are also really good this year," Shannon said. The team will also be playing many big division one teams including University of Maryland, Duke, University of North Carolina, Penn State and The Naval Academy.

The team is selling Salisbury Volleyball t-shirts at homecoming in order to fundraise for the upcoming tournaments, including the National tournament being held in the spring in Kansas City.

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